

Bombs explode in U.S. Army European post

HEIDELBERG, Germany (UPI)—Two bombs exploded within seconds of each other Wednesday in parking lots at the European headquarters of the U.S. Army, an Army spokesman said.

The explosions occurred within 10 to 15 seconds of each other, the spokesman said.

One bomb went off in a smaller parking area, virtually demolishing one car, damaging several others and blowing a hole in the wall of a nearby building, the spokesman said.

The other blast occurred in the military compound's main parking area. A witness sitting in the nearby mess hall said he heard two loud "whomps."

"After the first explosion everyone seemed to sense there would be another and people went diving for the floor," he said.

The military compound on the south side of Heidelberg serves as headquarters for the U.S. Army forces in Europe.

The blast came 13 days after another bombing at the U.S. Army V Corps headquarters base in Frankfurt. An Army colonel died in that explosion, and 13 other persons were injured.

At least four other explosions in various parts of West Germany during the past two weeks have been attributed by police to leftists.

In Bonn Wednesday Interior Minister Dietrich Genscher said stopping the bombers was the number one task of the nation's police.

Genscher told a news conference he had given the Cabinet a report on the latest state of the investigations against the bombers.

He said he considered "the fight against these criminal acts, which are directed against the functional capabilities of our liberal, constitutional state, is now the most important and pressing task of the police."