WEAPONS CACHE IS SEIZED BY FBI

Agents Raid Barn in Washington Parish

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FRANKLINTON, La.—A cache of arms a n d ammunition was seized Thursday afternoon from a barn in a rural area of Washington Parish between Franklinton and Mount Hermon by agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation assisted by Washington Parish Sheriff Willie J. Blair.

The raid, supervised by FBI agents, was held about 1:30 p. m. and it was believed that members of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan had secreted the weapons and ammunition recovered from the barn.

FBI agents refused to identify the person on whose property the building was located but said that this person was not connected with the weapons and had been cleared. It was reported that the person gave officers permission to search the unoccupied barn after a search warrant signed by 22nd Judicial District Judge Hillary J. Crane was presented.

Recovered were two machine guns, one an Army type submachine gun reported stolen from the New Orleans Port of Embarkation in 1965, and a French style submachine gun. Other weapons recovered included 300 feet of a new type high-powered fuse explosive, primer caps, 14,000-15,000 rounds of 9 millimeter ammunition, two model fragmentation type hand grenades, three submachine gun clips and 2,000 rounds of ammunition for the American machine gun.

No arrests have been made, according to officers but the investigation is continuing.