

EXPLOSION RIPS OREGON TOWN!

A newsreel record of destruction: The lower business district of Roseburg in southwestern Oregon lies shattered from the force of an explosion that reduced eight blocks to rubble and claimed at least a dozen lives. More than a hundred persons injured. The damage, extending altogether to an area of 22 blocks, is estimated at more than ten million dollars.

The frightful blast was touched off when a building fire spread to a nearby truck, carrying six and a half tons of explosives. It occurred at night, when most people were away from the business area, or the death toll might have reached into the hundreds. Six hotels were so badly hit, they had to close. Thirty-five buildings were completely wrecked. What remains is a gruesome picture of devastation.