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BOMBS ON NAVAL STORES DEPOT

Photographs taken of Rennes show much damage to the important naval store depot just outside the town as a result of the dusk attack by Mosquitos of Bomber Command on the 26th of last month.

Most of the damage was done on the east side of the depot where 16 sheds have either been destroyed or almost destroyed. Another 18 have been damaged. On the west side a shed, 250 feet by 75 feet has been destroyed and stores appear to be still lying in the open round another shed that was badly damaged. A building, possibly used as offices, was destroyed.

Naval stores of all kinds, Diesel motors, spare parts, petrol and all general stores - are stacked at Rennes, after they have come from Germany for distribution to the U-boat bases on the Atlantic coast of France. The Germans have greatly developed and enlarged the original French naval depot.

Reconnaissance has also shown that both the marshalling yard in Caen and the steel works just outside the town were damaged during the two daylight attacks on February 10 and 11.

There was a direct hit on the track at the marshalling yards. The roof of the goods depot has been repaired. Two platform roofs and the roof of the engine shed were damaged, and a group of warehouses covering two acres destroyed.

The steel works belonged to the Societe De Normandie Metallurgie and are about  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles from Caen. The roof both of the rolling mills and of the continuous rolling mills have been damaged. The roof of the pattern shop is also thought to have been hit.

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Note: Pictures available from P.N.A.