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DAMAGE AT GENOA

Photographic reconnaissance of the port of Genoa shows that great damage was done in Bomber Command's two raids on the nights of October 22 and 23.

There is much destruction in the dock area. In the Ansaldo fitting-out yard, two large sheds have been badly damaged. Another, 850 feet long, has been three-quarters destroyed by fire and a number of smaller sheds has been totally destroyed.

On the Molo Vecchio, warehouses and sheds - covering an area two and a half acres in the centre of the Molo - have been burnt out, and other warehouses on the north and south quays of the Molo have been severely damaged. Elsewhere in the docks, there is a devastated area of about 27 acres. Buildings destroyed or badly damaged in this area include about half the warehouses in the Deposito Franco, or free harbour, and the headquarters of the dock company.

In the centre of the town many offices and public buildings, including the telegraph and government offices, have been destroyed or badly damaged. The Stazione Brignole, east railway station, has been almost entirely destroyed by fire.

NOTE: Photographs available from B. I. P. P. A.