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Italian explosion

Italy: This is Naples harbour - shortly after a mystery explosion had rocked the city. The 2,300 ton cargo vessel "Anna Maria ~~Evoli~~" lies shattered at her moorings.

The explosion occurred in the ship's boiler-room shortly before her departure for Sicily. At least ten people were killed - while the ill-fated vessel capsized and sank.

Bush fires

Australia: Fanned by strong winds, bush fires swept through the Blue Mountain country, near Sydney - a raging inferno of fire and smoke... More than twenty houses were engulfed by the fast-moving wall of ~~flame~~ fire - despite the heroic efforts of volunteer firemen...

The blaze raged for nearly a week - and though only one life was lost - property damage adds up to a staggering total.

London

London: The arrival of film star Maureen Swanson made a pre-Christmas stir at Cadby Hall. Faced with 160 pounds of Christmas pudding mixture - she first added a sixty year-old Australian golden sovereign.

Then ^{she} went to work - mixing 120,000 Australian currants with the other rich ingredients - ready for the oven.

The pudding is the annual gift from Australian fruit growers to ^{London's} Lord Mayor - a goodwill offering for 1,000 aged people in the City.

Algeria

Algeria: With rebel activity continuing in North Africa, France is training her paratroops on-the-spot... to give them valuable experience in the type of warfare...

Here's a typical training-session. ~~A~~ transport plane takes the troops up for their first parachute descent

Here they go ~~on their courageous mission~~. Each delaying the opening of his 'chute until he's well clear of the plane. ~~When trained~~

~~When trained~~ When trained, they will be used in rounding up rebels in difficult mountain terrain...

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