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**PHILADELPHIA BLAST**

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Choking smoke billows into the night after a mighty bomb-like explosion leveled a six-story grain elevator in the heart of Philadelphia. Hundreds of firemen and every available piece of equipment in the city struggle to bring the succeeding blaze under control. The blast -- caused by a mixture of dust and oxygen -- ignited by a spark -- rocked a two-block area with the force of a "block buster." Hours later, three persons are reported missing and more than eighty injured. A three million dollar disaster in the heart of Philadelphia.