

MARIBYRNONG EXPLOSION.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

Damage amounting to about £2500 was caused by a series of explosions at the grounds of the Commonwealth Government's cordite factory at Maribyrnong to-day.

Two men were doing soldering work in a large isolated galvanised iron shed in the area enclosed by the factory fences. A piece of solder drew a drum containing acetate, and there was an immediate explosion. The men rushed out of the shed and escaped injury. They were particularly fortunate, as a series of twelve explosions followed rapidly, and the shed was demolished. Such contents as were not inflammable were thrown hundreds of yards.