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4 March 1945

DAMAGE ASSESSMENT REPORT NO. 13

Tokyo City Area

Mission No.: 3PR5M 58

Target Area: Tokyo

Date Flown: 27 February 1945

Airplane Commander: G.J. Benedict  
1st Lt., AC

Reference: AAF Objective Folder 90.17, 15 September 1943.

Reference Photography:

Pre-strike: 3PR5M 54 - 1V:37  
Post-strike: 3PR5M 58 - 3L:131-143; 3R:124-145.

SUMMARY

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Smaller areas damaged, added to the above, bring the grand total of damaged area to approximately 28,000,000 sq. ft., all of which can be found on print 3PR5M 58 - 1V:44.

Note: The numbers preceding the following statements refer to the two attached annotated prints.

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- No. 3 Residential area - about 200,000 sq. ft. destroyed.
- No. 4 Residential area - about 1,000,000 sq. ft. destroyed.
- No. 5 Residential area - about 3,200,000 sq. ft. destroyed. The elevated tracks of the Tokaido Line Railroad, between the Ueno and the Okachimachi stations, have been damaged by fire.
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Prints 3PR5M 54 - 1V:37 (blow-up) and 3PR5M 58 - 1V:44 annotated  
and attached.  
3PR5M 58 - 3R:135 attached.

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MISSION SUMMARY

Mission Number 38

1. Date: 25 February 1945
2. Code Name: Meetinghouse #1
3. Target: Tokyo Urban Area
4. Participating Units: 73rd, 313th and 314th  
Bombardment Wings
5. Number A/C Airborne: 229
6. % A/C Bombing Primary: 75% (172 primary, 0 Secondary,  
28 Last Resort  
and 1 Opportunity)
7. Time Over Primary: 251458K - 251652K
8. Altitude of Attack: 23,500 - 31,000
9. Weather Over Target: 10/10
10. Total A/C Lost: 3
11. Resume of Mission: First three wing strike. 28,000,000 square feet of urban area destroyed. Twenty eight non-effective. Two aircraft collided at wing assembly point and one aircraft lost to survey. Enemy air opposition nil. AA meager and inaccurate. Average bomb load 7,085 lbs. 73rd Wing, 5,147 lbs. 313th Wing and 3944 lbs. 314th Wing. Average gas reserve 883 gallons.

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