



Source 2

Extract from an Immediate Interpretation Report, 18 February 1945, detailing damage in Dresden

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Questions

1. Which types of buildings received the most damage?
2. If you studied this source alone, what conclusions might you draw about the purpose of the bombing raids on Dresden?
3. How could you prove the accuracy of the information in this source?



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Within the areas described, damage to public and administrative buildings is very severe, and a number of unidentified industrial buildings, some of which are still burning, are also involved. Other damage includes one of the main railway stations, and two of the bridges across the river. Of these latter, the Carola Bridge is holed and probably unserviceable, the Augustus Bridge is holed, although probably partly serviceable, and there is probable damage to the rail bridge crossing the river. In addition, barracks in the town have been seriously affected.

Details of damage are as follows:

Industrial

A.G. für Cartounagenindustrie (paper for munitions) slightly damaged.
 Brauerei Waldschlosschen: partly gutted and still burning.
 Unidentified factories West of Altstadt: severely damaged- some are still burning.

The following are severely damaged or gutted:

Public Buildings

Law Courts
 Land Gericht
 Carola Ministerien (containing the Ministries of Justice, Finance and Culture)
 Rathaus (Neustadt)
 Hauptzollamt
 Landesfinanzamt
 Central Market Hall
 Slaughterhouse (still burning)
 Schloss
 Palace
 Albertinum
 Johannstadt Hospital
 Municipal Hospital
 Kunstgewerbe Schule and Museum
 Museum of Arts and Crafts
 Opera House,
 Academy of Art
 the Archiv



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