

Timeline of Major Events

July 16, 1990

7.8 earthquake

April 1991

Magma begins to rise in Mount Pinatubo.

June 12, 1991

Philippine Independence Day, interrupted by first eruption.

June 15, 1991

Pinatubo explodes with an ash cloud rising 35 km into the air.

Ashbelt encircles the globe in the following months.

June 17, 1991

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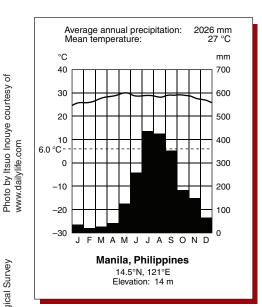
Mid-day one week after the eruption.



Mudflow and lahars covered many homes.



Ash and heavy rains associated with Typhoon Yunya caused havoc in urban areas.



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Pinatubo eruption kills 800 people and over a million animals. Tens of thousands left displaced.

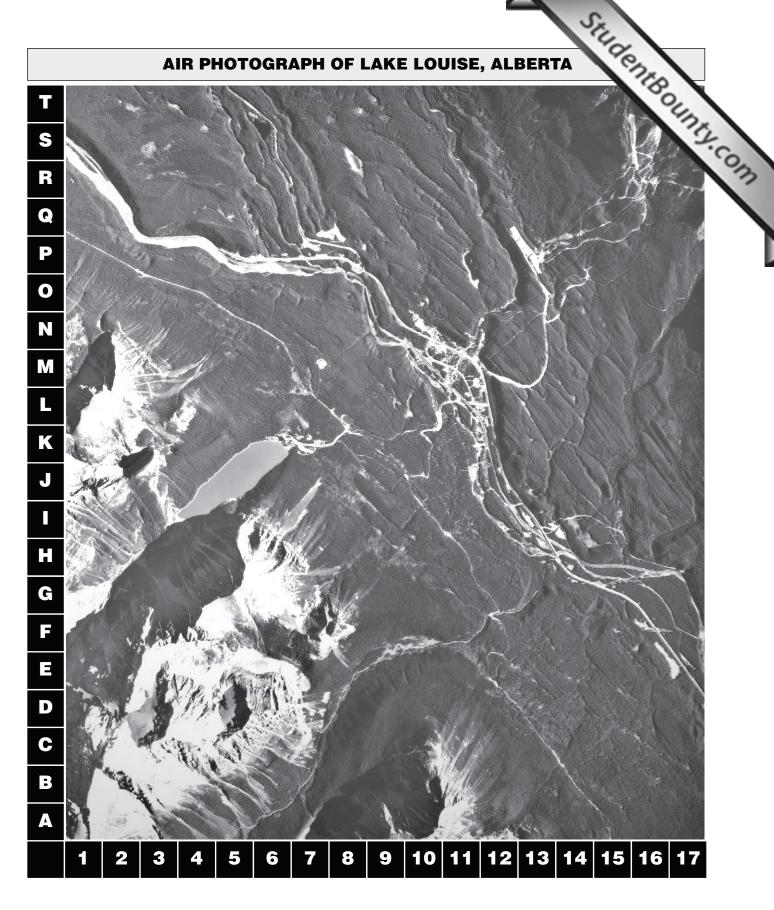
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U.S. Air Base and Naval Base help evacuate thousands; bases abandoned due to immense destruction.



Mount Pinatubo explodes in the second largest eruption of the twentieth century.

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