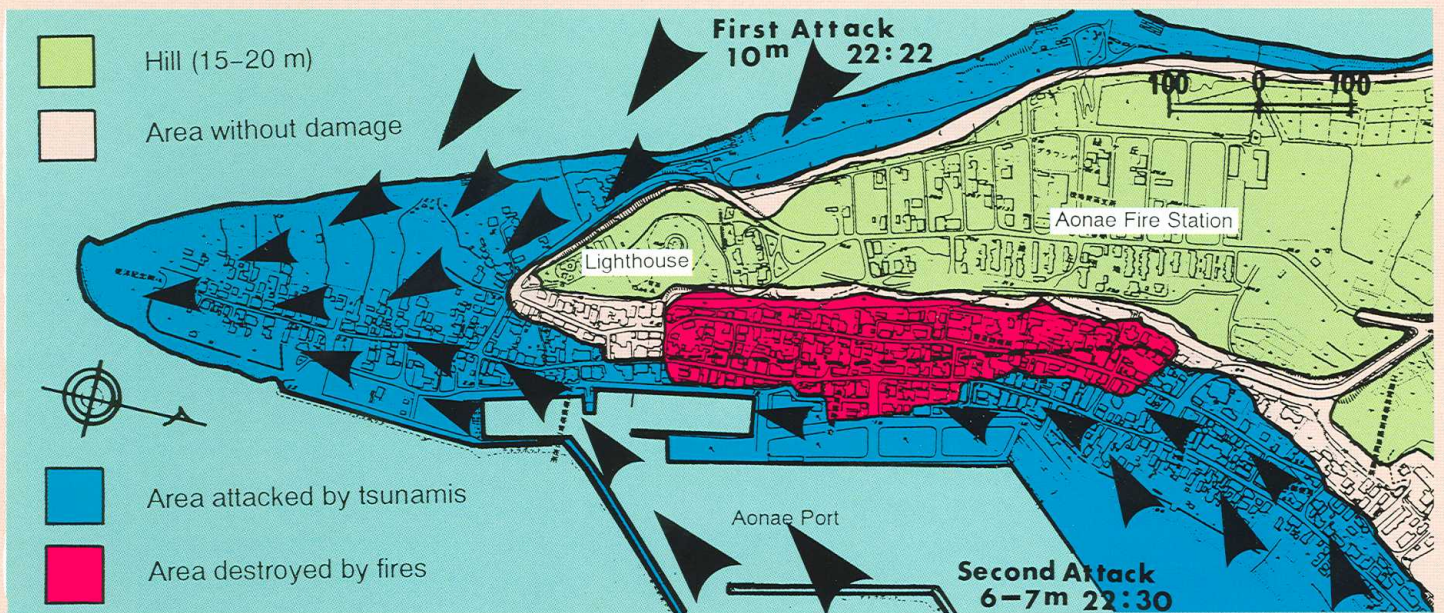


# 5. TSUNAMI

## QUICK AND FURIOUS ATTACKS OF SURGES



Attacks by tsunami on Aonae community



Devastation by tsunami at south end of Aonae community

The first attack of tsunami which was 10 m high, arrived from the west around five minutes after the shock. Most of the houses built on the south end of Aonae community were washed away and destroyed in an instant (photo right). The second surge coming along the east coast attacked the most densely built-up area on the east block of Aonae around eight minutes after the shock. The port break-seas guarding the centre part of the built-up area seemed to be effective in mitigating the force of the tsunami. Approximately 200 houses in the lower area of this community were protected from the violence of the surge. Unfortunately, however, most of the remaining houses were destroyed by the fire that developed later (photo below).



Aonae community destroyed by tsunami and fire