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Process of Eruption and the Tenmei Mudflow

The eruption that started in May of Tenmei 3 (1783) became more intense in late July. The climax peaked at the night of August 4, and a large amount of pumice, volcanic ash, pyroclastic flow, and lava flow were ejected. The eruption subsided by the morning of the 5th, but at around 9:30 am, a large explosion suddenly occurred, causing the Kambara earth and stone avalanche and the Tenmei mudflow. The mudflow of the Agatsuma River, which no one expected, caused great damage to the villages along the river and robbed many people of their lives.