

The aftermath

In the days following the quake, the town of Watsonville looked like a war zone. Long lines of people forced out of their homes by quake damage, or fear of aftershocks, appeared at makeshift camps at Geiser Field, the parks and the town Plaza. With most roads blocked, including Highway 1 at Struve Slough where the supporting pillars were driven through the bridge, military helicopters delivered supplies at the airport. The aircraft were so large that the pallets full of material blew over in the prop wash as they took off.



