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osphere and the jet stream. Again the Ranga flooded when Hekla's ice and snow rapidly melted. The explosion was heard all over Iceland, and volcanic activity did not subside for seven months. Then, for a three day period in mid-August of 1846, another minor eruption occurred.

Another century passed before a major volcanic eruption took place, although there were minor eruptions in 1878 and 1913. On Mar. 29, 1947, the thunderous noise of Hekla's second greatest explosion was clearly heard all over Iceland. Sharp earthquakes were instantly followed by a thunderous column of smoke and pumice. Within an hour after the initial blast the entire mountain was enshrouded in black smoke, through which explosive flashes were periodically seen.

The column of pumice rose nine miles after, according to witnesses, the summit of the mountain suddenly flew off and disintegrated into large chunks of rock. The top of Mount Hekla was described as a mass of intensely bright fire. Interestingly, the blast was heard better from a distance than from nearby.

# Ten NavCommSta men commended for convoy work

From March 31 to April 10, a group of men led by Lt. Ernest E. Emmons transported materials from the H-2 site to the naval station by means of a truck convoy.

In recognition of this and the fact that most of the roads are impassable this time of year, the group received a letter of commendation from Rear Adm. Mayo A. Hadden, Jr., Commander Iceland Defense Force.

Other members include Thor Halldorsson, ETCS Forest W. Connelly, EOC Lawrence V. Acre, EMC John Smith, EOJ Alton C. Ivey, ETN2 John T. Glevhill, AO3 Richard E. Montgomery, AO3 Robert J. Oberer and ETNSN Johnny E. Workman.

Other awards at NavCommSta included two good conduct medals presented to RMC Doyle G. Lowrance and RMI Donald F. Williams.

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