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Australia: Path of the Great Flood

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New South Wales: Terror and tragedy have passed this way...borne by the turbulent flood-waters of the Hunter River ~~that~~ that engulfed the town of Maitland - leaving desolation and destruction in their wake.

Maitland is but one of twenty major towns, devastated by the worst flood in Australia's history.

To-day, the roar of raging torrents is replaced by the comforting hum of industry, as work begins to remove the evil-smelling mud and slime before it becomes a breeding-ground for disease. / Meanwhile, a dazed survivor wanders aimlessly in search of food. /

Outside the stricken areas, Red Cross Depots ~~are~~ **RELIEVE THE SUFFERING** ~~are~~, with volunteers responding magnificently, as ever, to <sup>AID</sup> ~~aid~~ those in distress.

~~...~~ "Operation Heartbreak" begins, as the people return (their brave smiles masking sinking hearts) to search...for their <sup>ruined</sup> homes. /

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Those that can, begin the work of salvage, recovering treasured possessions - those many things that combine to make.....a home! /