

FLOODS RAVAGE AUSTRIA.

Raging floods transformed lovely Upper Austria from a glorious holiday region into a disaster area. Bridges are down along much of the River Salzach and as these pictures reach us nine people have been drowned, uncounted hundred driven from ruined and flooded homes. The water level in places is the highest for 39 years. The plight of thousands is pitiful. To escape alive was as much as many could hope for at the flood peak.

Mountain thunderstorms and days of unending downpour swelled the quiet Salzach into an uncontrollable menace. Even Vienna had the heaviest rain for 20 years. Fortunately the worst seems to be over and the International Red Cross is organizing relief.