The remarkable feature of this flood was the torrential rain, the heaviest, and the rapidity with which it fell. Valley floor and basin in 2½ hours big snow and relief services were on hand to assist. They then piled up against the lower bridge forming a dam that then caused the backs to cap.

August 1924 at Cannington (Somerset) Houses. Mr Langford & Cottagers the West side of the Bridge suffered much. But through complete ruin from Polrunny to Dunn Street. At Bridge teams of Wagon Horses were concomitants - by about 1 o'clock the rain ceased leaving the fine McAdamised road in water rolling down & carrying all materials with - that devastation & ruin were its concomitants - by about 1 o'clock the rain ceased leaving the fine McAdamised road in water rolling down & carrying all materials with - that devastation & ruin were its concomitants.

The photographs above show the carnage and the aftermath, on Tuensday 17th. They were kindly supplied by RNAS Culdrose.

280mm in 15 hours, 190mm falling in 4.5 hours. This is thought to have had even heavier rainfall than the historic floods of 1952.

The flood claimed 34 lives and left 420 people homeless. The photographs above show the carnage and the aftermath, on Tuensday 17th. They were kindly supplied by RNAS Culdrose.
12.30  Rain gauge at nearby Lesnewth some 4km (2½ miles) up the valley, shows no rainfall in 15 minutes.

12.45  All access roads to Boscastle are closed by the Police.

12.47  Port Isaac Inshore Lifeboat launched.

12.50  A wall of floodwater rides in from the sea and the rocky shore begins to disintegrate.

12.50  RAF Kinloss, the rescue co-ordination centre, is put on standby.

13.00  A 3m (10ft) wall of floodwater from the sea crashes against the shore.

13.05  Helicopters 170 from Chivenor, 180 from RNAS Culdrose are scrambled.

13.15  Rain gauge at Lesnewth records 15mm of rain in 15 minutes.

14.00  First of several power cuts caused by lightning. Start of persistent, heavy rain. Rain gauge at Lesnewth records no rain in 15 minutes, yet it is pouring in Boscastle.

14.15  Rain gauge at Lesnewth records nearly 25mm in 15 minutes.

14.30  All access roads to Boscastle are closed by the Police.

15.00  RAF Kinloss reports 15 people dropped off so far, 12 of whom have been rescued.

15.02  Coastguard are informed. "Mission: Save Our Beaches" is broadcast.

15.05  RAF Typhoon, the rescue co-ordination centre, is put on standby.

15.15  Call to Cornwall County Fire Brigade, reports of people trapped by flood water in the car park.

15.20  Clow (Exmouth) Inshore Lifeboat launched.

15.30  All access roads to Boscastle are closed by the Police.

15.35  Call to Cornwall County Fire Brigade, reports of people trapped by flood water in the car park.

15.45  Rain gauge at Lesnewth records no rain in 15 minutes, yet it is pouring in Boscastle.

16.00  A further wall of floodwater rides in from the sea and the rocky shore begins to disintegrate.

16.03  RAF Kinloss, the rescue co-ordination centre, is put on standby by the emergency services' operation control.