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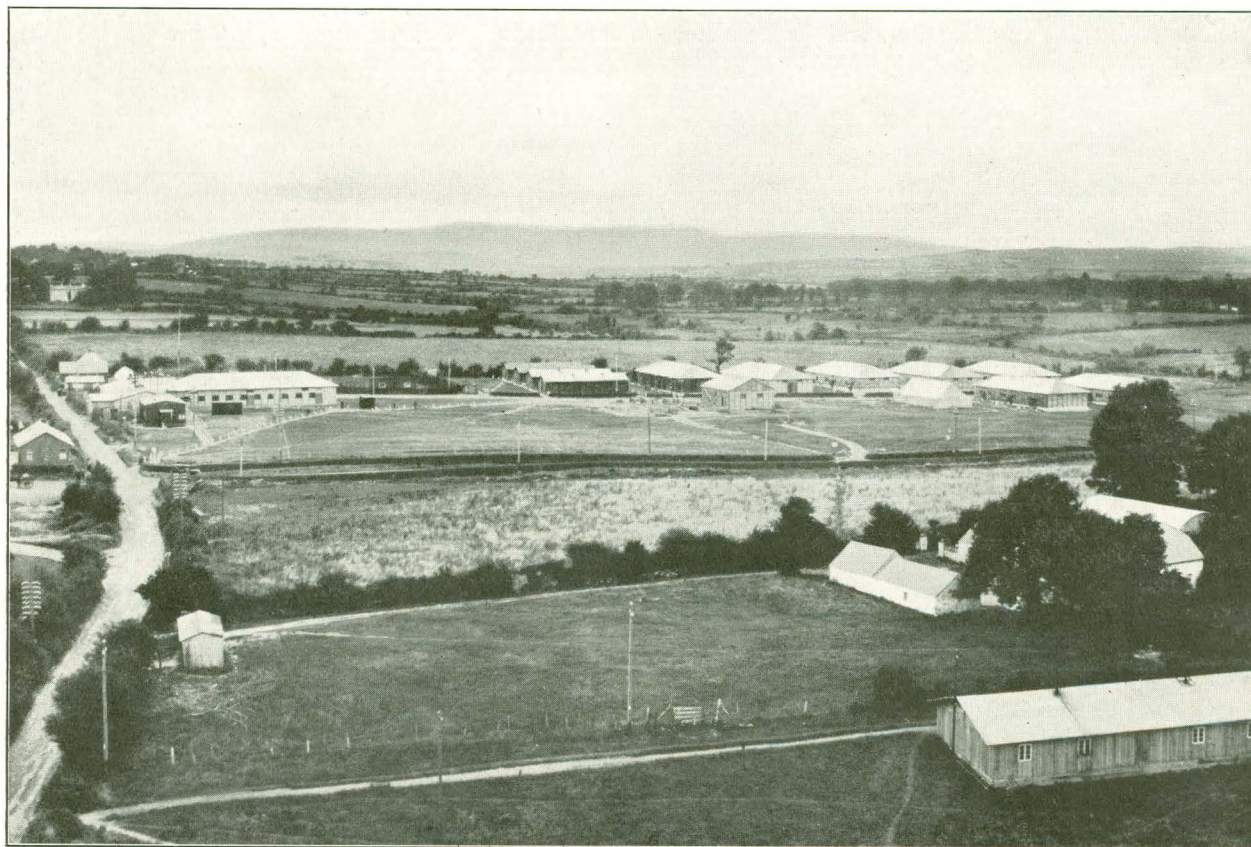
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The Camps on the Building Sites of the Shannon Scheme

A scheme of the magnitude as is being carried out on the Shannon makes it necessary to concentrate the workmen in camps in the most important centres. It therefore became necessary

for the Contractor to build camps at Ardnacrusha, Clonlara, the Weir and O'Briensbridge. The largest camp is situated on the Ardnacrusha building site, and we therefore have chosen to describe this camp



Irish Camp at Ardnacrusha

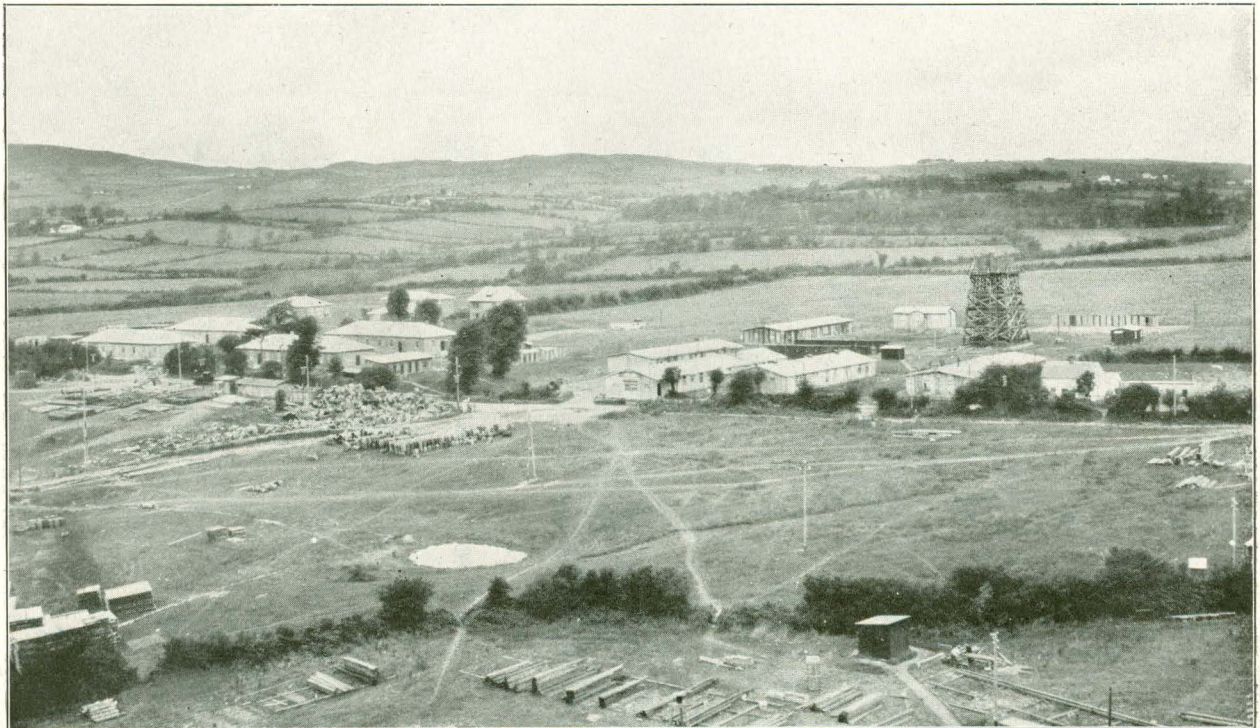


Street in the Irish Camp

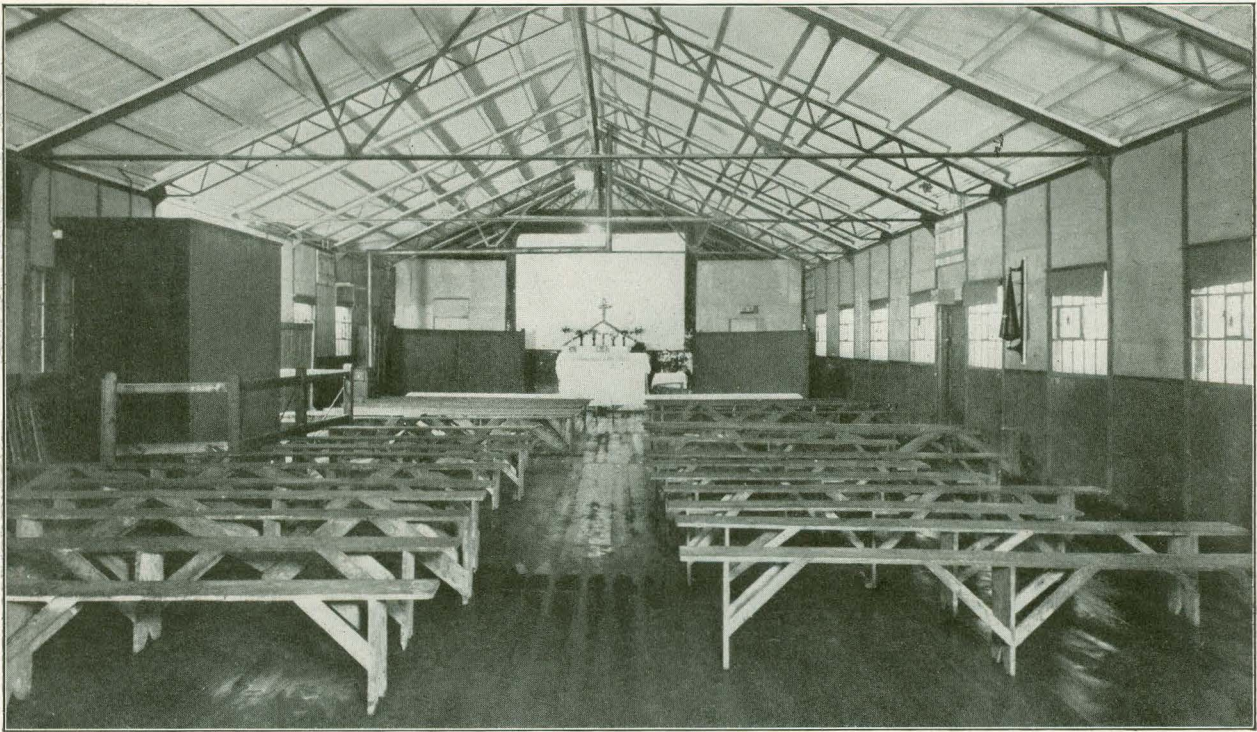
in detail. The situation of the Ardnacrusha camp, which is on high ground and has picturesque surroundings, can be considered ideal. On fine days one has a superb view of the city of Limerick, which is about $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles distant, and of the histori-

cal Shannon which, untrammelled as yet, winds its way in graceful curves towards the Atlantic Ocean.

The Irish camp, which can accommodate 750 men, consists of 4 smaller and 7 larger huts, of a building containing baths, of large recreation and dining



German Camp at Ardnacrusha



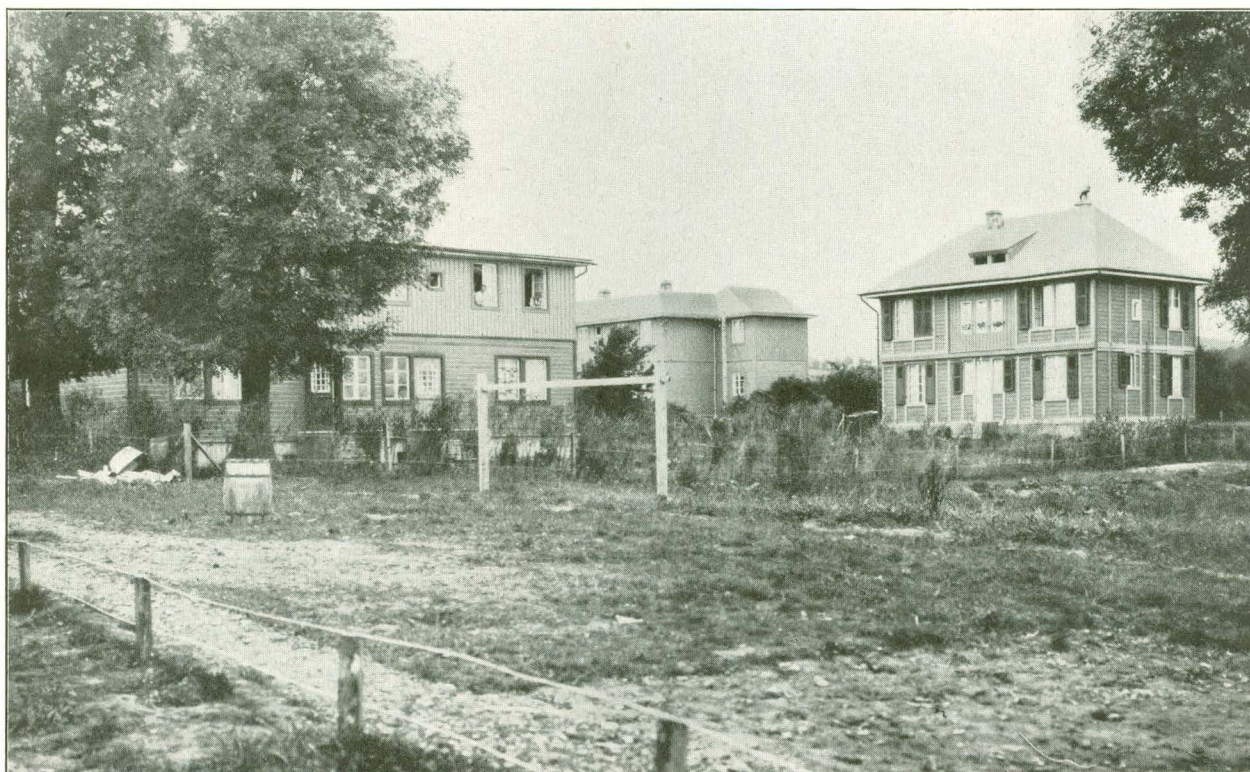
Recreation Hall temporarily transformed into a Chapel

premises which can seat 600 people. There is also a large kitchen with a canteen and a provision shop attached. The smaller huts are built of timber, whereas the larger ones are built of concrete on steel

frames. The latter are divided into 3 rooms each of which can accommodate 30 men. One of the larger huts is for the use of skilled workmen and is divided into 6 small flats. Each bedroom has its own lava-



Living Room in Irish Camp at Ardnacrusha



Wooden houses for married German employees

tory with running water. The baths are provided with douches which have hot and cold water laid on. There is a fumigator in the house where the baths are situated and all the bedclothes are cleaned and disinfected here at regular intervals. Every workman receives one bed, one mattress, one pillow, two sheets, three blankets in summer and four in winter, knife, fork, spoon, mug, plate and locker on arrival. All premises have electric light and are heated in winter with the aid of large stoves. A filter connected with the Water Tower conveys pure drinking water to all premises. An Irish Camp Commandant has been appointed to controll the camp.

The Firm employs an Irish doctor who attends continually to the bodily needs of the workmen. This medical man not only thoroughly overhauls each workman on arrival and provides medical aid in cases of illness or accident, but he also daily checks the quality and quantity of the food in the canteen. Invalids who need more individual attention are taken to the Firm's hospital and are looked after by an attendant of the First Aid Station. The sanitary arrangements are up to date with hydraulic appliances and satisfactory drainage is provided for. Serious contagious diseases are therefore unlikely to break out, and would be easy to cope with if they did so.

To provide recreation and instruction for the workers, especially during week-ends, Cinematograph performances with musical accompaniment, gramo-

phone concerts and Wireless news from all over the world can be enjoyed in turn in the large recreation hall. The daily papers, table games and camp library are at the disposal of the workers. The men can indulge in Hurling, Gaelic Football, Soccer and Boxing, and can join the various Sports Clubs in the capacity of „Shannon Schemers“. A regular Football ground and Hurling field with goal posts is situated 100 yards distant from the camp. Our teams have already taken part successfully in matches.

In addition to catering for the comfort and enjoyment of the men, we also cater for their spiritual needs and mass is celebrated on every Sunday morning and holiday in camp.

The German camp is situated about 150 yards away from the Irish camp. Similar to the Irish camp, it consists of a row of huts built of timber and concrete. Many of the Germans who live here have brought over their families with them from Germany. Several wooden houses have also been built and are occupied by married German employees of the Firm. A German teacher gives lessons to between 30 and 40 German children in a closely adjoining school building.

The camps at Clonlara and at the Weir are arranged on the same lines, though on a smaller scale than at Ardnacrusha. An old disused mill has been adapted at O'Briensbridge and is being used as accomodation for 180 men. This house has even got central heating.