



TRAUNSEE AND SETTING . . . of jagged young peaks. On the higher reaches, the "timberline" is about two-thirds of the way up. The lake is long, (about 9 miles) and narrow, (2 miles wide) like one of New York's famous Finger Lakes.

THE CABLE CAR . . . starts in Ebensee, at the base of the Feuerkogel, and swings several thousand feet up the side of the mountain. A masterpiece of engineering, this cable has the greatest distance between supports of any in the world, yet has never had an accident.

(Right)

THE SALT MINING TOWN . . . of Ebensee stretches out in a narrow valley, which contains one of the largest and most modern salt refineries in the world. Ebensee is the starting point for the skiing parties, and has several rustic Hotel Lodges on its outskirts.



"Salzkammergut", Old Austrian Resort Center, Becomes Div Arty Winter Stamping Ground

Division Artillery Headquarters has consistently drawn good hands in the occupation deal. This time they've got themselves sprawled out in a row of fancy "Villas" on the shore of a beautiful mountain lake on the edge of the Chalk Alps. In peace time the spot was a kind of "poor man's Riviera," that is if you call "poor" a fitting adjective for Kings, Queens, Dukes, bluebloods, pseudo-bluebloods, and a host of famous artists, musicians, and movie stars.

The lake is called the Traunsee and is two thirds surrounded by snow-capped peaks, forming a 5,000 ft., blue-white setting for the jewel-like finger of water. At the open end of the lake lies the picturesque little resort town of Gmunden, where Div. Arty is set up. The whole district, for a 50 mile radius is called the "Salzkammergut," meaning "salt commerce good," so named because it is.

"Cure All" Baths

It seems that the area is literally honeycombed with salt mines, which were first operated by the ancient Celtic tribes, during the Hallstatt Period, 1000 years B. C. In addition to common salt, the mountain springs contain other valuable, healthful minerals, supposed to cure everything from hangnail to hangover in ten easy baths. So it is that the Continental highbrows have for centuries gathered here in the summer to wash away their lumbago and their bum-legs.

Having thoroughly cleansed and rejuvenated themselves for another year, the bluebloods go home in the fall and leave everything to the winter sportsmen. Long a mecca for skiers and mountain climbers, the Salzkammergut boasts one of the most elaborate systems of ski-tows and cable-cars in existence. The one at the Feuerkogel, at the southern end of the Traunsee is famed the world over and has served as a model for the construction of others, even in America. Also the system of mountain lodges and cabins is a great drawing card for people who like to toast their tootsies over a big fire in a cozy cabin after a hard day of skiing or climbing.

Has USFA Rest Center

Div. Arty. has access to all these conveniences, plus a fine Red Cross Club set up in a former high class, lakeside restaurant. The club features an assortment of outboard motorboats and a sightseeing launch. In addition, USFA has a rest center