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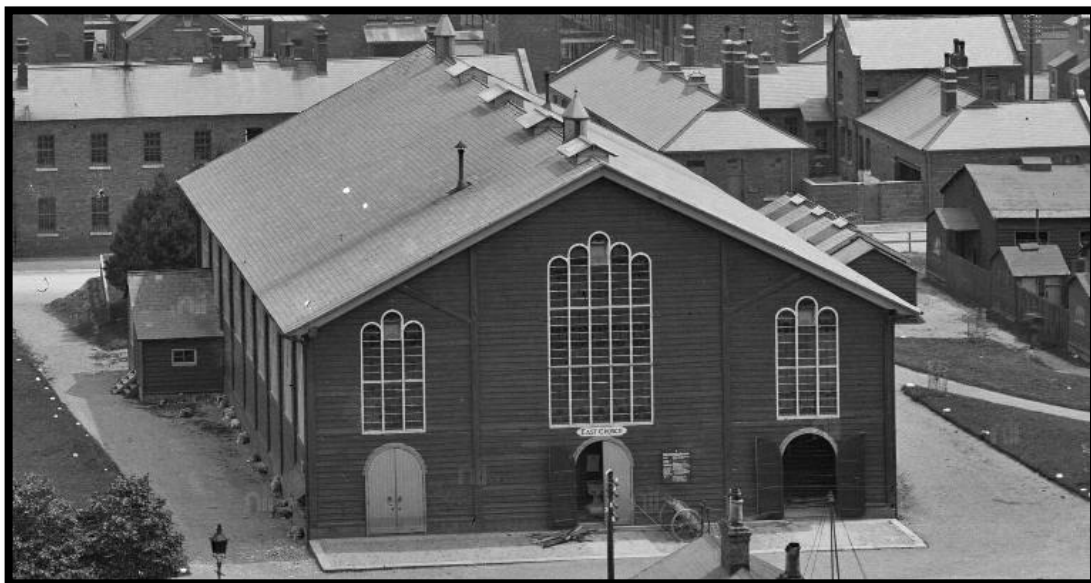
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PRETTY CURRAGH WEDDING GEN. MacMAHON AND MISS PARKINSON

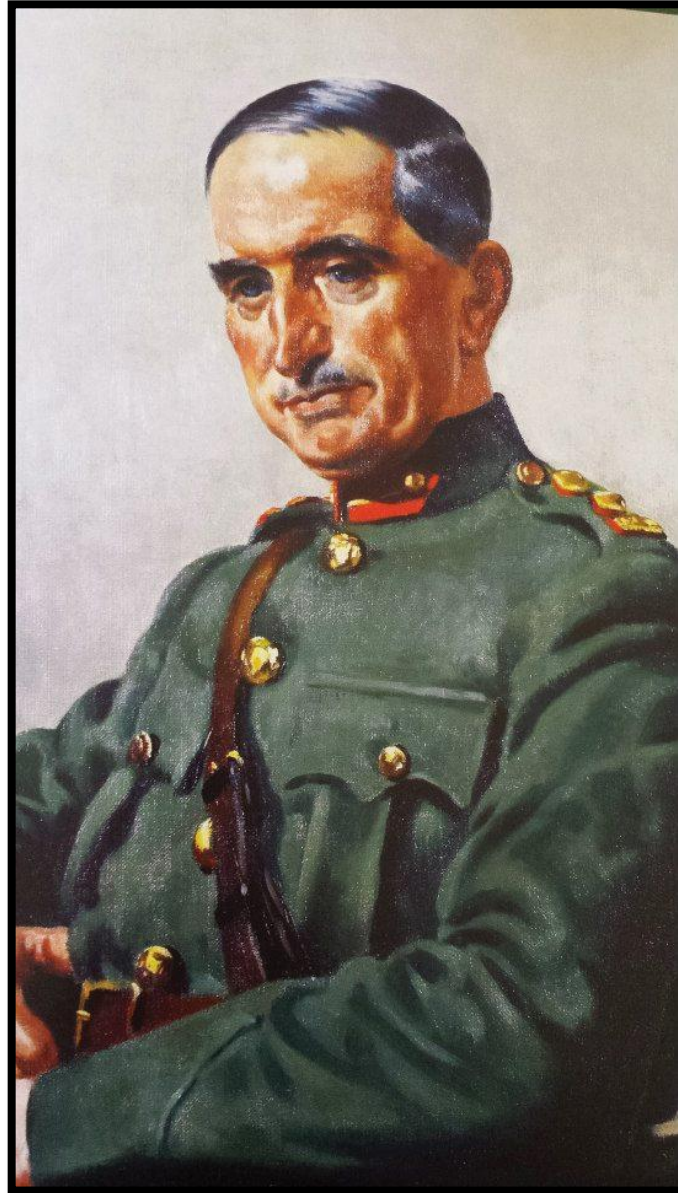
The wedding took place yesterday at Curragh Camp of Major-Gen. Peadar MacMahon, Chief of Staff, National Army, and Miss Annie Parkinson, daughter of Mr. J. J. Parkinson, the well known Irish sportsman and race horse owner, Maddenstown Lodge. The bride was given away by her father, and her sister, Miss Margaret Parkinson, acted as bridesmaid. Capt. Brian MacMahon, brother of the bridegroom, acted as best man.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. Father Donnelly, senior chaplain of the Curragh Command, assisted by Rev. Father Mahon, C.F. Rev. Father Hughes, C.F., and Rev. Father Gardiner, C.C.

After the ceremony the happy couple left for Dun Laoghaire en route for London and Bournemouth, where the honeymoon will be spent. Only the immediate friends and relatives of Gen. MacMahon and his bride were present.



Roman Catholic Church, Curragh Camp



**Lt. General Peadar MacMahon
(1893 – 1975)**

Lt. General Peadar MacMahon – (1893 – 1975) Lieutenant General and Chief of Staff Born in Coas, near Lough Egish, educated locally and at McGuire's Civil Service College, Dublin. He joined the Irish Volunteers on 25 November 1913. He was active during the Easter Rising. He was appointed as General Officer Commanding the Curragh Command in July 1922 and promoted to Major General in January 1923. Lieutenant General MacMahon was acting Chief of Staff under General O'Duffy as General Officer Commanding the Forces. He was promoted to Lieutenant General in June 1924. He was the first Chief of Staff of the Defence Forces. He resigned as Chief of Staff on 30 March 1927 and was appointed Secretary of the Department of Defence on 31 March 1927. He continued in this position until 1958. Image courtesy of the Department of Defence.