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When construction of a large lumber mill began in Lewiston in 1926, a logging railroad (a joint Union Pacific and Northern Pacific venture) was built to a vast White Pine tract north of Pierce. Its terminal there was a new Potlatch and Clearwater Lumber company town of Headquarters. Logging operations radiated out over 200,000 acres from that company center. Unlike most communities its buildings are laid out in a circle to facilitate communication during deep winter snow seasons. As an interesting example of an Idaho lumber company town, Headquarters provides an unusual insight into operations of a major state industry. Bertha Hill, where installation of forest lookouts for fire protection commenced in 1905, is accessible by a forest road that runs north from Headquarters. In addition to its function as a railhead, Headquarters also is a terminal of State Highway 11.

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