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"Even to-day there are people who
regard long hair as a sign of genius,"
we read. If we remember rightly, our
Sergeant-Major never laboured under
that particular delusion.

Everyman's Hut

"... the ministry of reconciliation
... that God was in Christ, reconciling
the world to Himself. ... Now
then, we are ambassadors for Christ
... we pray you in Christ's stead,
be ye reconciled to God. For he hath
made him (who knew no sin) to be sin
for us, that we might be made the
righteousness of God in him."

These words, quoted from the 5th
chapter of St. Paul's second letter to
the believers at Corinth, set forth the
basic idea underlying the operation of
Everyman's Hut. We are living in a
day when values have to be adjusted.
Those things which seemed solid and
enduring are beginning to crumble.
For many years the goal has been the
betterment of the human race and in
the desire to reach that goal, undue
emphasis has been laid on material
standards. Increased purchasing
power, leisure, comfort and higher liv-
ing standards have been sought eagerly
in the belief that the attainment of
them would bring happiness and
peace. The fact that happiness is
not dependent upon external condi-
tions or circumstances has been ignor-
ed or missed altogether, and now we
are faced with a struggle for exist-
ence which threatens to sweep away
all the old standards and leave us with
a bankrupt civilisation. Prosperity
for one country or people begets envy
and jealousy amongst others not so
well favoured until the outcome is
war, with all its suffering and ruin.
True happiness can come only from a
condition within the heart—it depends
upon the knowledge of peace with
God, of the realisation that we have
been reconciled to Him, through the
sacrifice of Christ at Calvary. When
that condition exists in an individual
there is a desire to serve Him and to
seek to make the reconciliation and
peace known to others. Our vaunted
material prosperity has led us only
into war. Is it not time that we re-
assessed our values and asked our-
selves the question whether it is not
the choice of material good and ne-
glect of spiritual values that has
brought us to this pass? Our aim, in
the conduct of the Hut is to prove
that we are not forgetful of the ma-
terial good and comfort of the men,

but that we place their spiritual good
as of far higher value—for material
things last only for a little while at
the most, but spiritual things are eter-
nal. "All flash is as grass and all the
glory of man as the flower of grass.
The grass withereth and the flower
thereof falleth away, but the Word of
the Lord endureth for ever." And so,
while we tend to the comfort of the
men to the best of our ability, the
Word of God is ever given its place in
the Hut.

A brief description may be of in-
terest to the men of the Third Eche-
lon. The Hut is controlled by a com-
mittee, and is under the charge of
Mr. Gordon L. Blair, who lives on
the premises and who at present is
on sick leave. It is not connected
with any organisation and retains
complete freedom of action. The re-
sponsibility of carrying on is under-
taken by that section of Christians
known as Brethren, of more commonly
Plymouth Brethren, located in the
Wellington or Central Military Dis-
trict. As the name implies, "every-
man" is welcome, and it is arranged
and furnished to make each one feel
at home. Nothing in the way of re-
creation or entertainment is provided,
as it has been found that large num-
bers of the men prefer a place where
they can have a quiet read, write or
talk. Refreshments are available at
a nominal charge, two electric irons
are provided free of charge for press-
ing, etc., and reading and writing fa-
cilities are available. The Hut is a
depot for any sort of legitimate ser-
vice, which the restrictions of camp
life make impossible for a man to do
for himself—boot and watch repairs,
film developing and printing, pur-
chases and messages, and also articles
or items for insertion in the "Camp
News" may be left there for delivery.
Letters left at the Hut are posted the
same night in Upper Hutt or Wel-
lington, thus catching the first avail-
able mail. In return for this, all that
is asked of the men is a brief period
each night—20 minutes to half an
hour—when the cafeteria is closed
and a portion of Scripture is read fol-
lowed by a short Gospel talk and
prayer for the men and their folk at
home. Our experience has been a
happy one in the past and we look
forward to the same consideration
from the men in camp at present.
Gospel booklets and literature are
available for any who desire them, but
there is no forcing of these views
upon any man. All are at liberty to
come and go as they please without
being pestered in any way. Outside
helpers, including ladies, assist in the
evenings and Mr. Blair or any of the
others are only too willing to do any-
thing they can to help me in their
difficulties and problems if they care
to just make them known. Before the
Second Echelon left, just on 1,000
copies of the Active Service edition
Testaments and Bibles were handed
out to men wishing to have a copy
and further supplies are anticipated
for the Third Echelon.

Welcome! The Third Echelon! We
have endeavoured to make our aims
and objects clear. We are here at
your service, and don't forget to put
your name in our visitor's book, also
the name of any relative or friend
to whom you would like us to write
when you have gone. The Second
Echelon filled up over 50 pages, and
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to it.

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