

Goodbye TO ALL THAT



WITH this issue, No. 37, Cue ceases publication. There will be no regrets at its passing, since its span of life could be determined only by the duration of the war and the period for which the Second New Zealand Expeditionary Force existed in any strength; rather must it be a matter for jubilation that, with the bulk of the remaining New Zealand troops in Italy being shipped home, Cue has come to the end of its period of usefulness.

And so Cue, along with the rest of 2 NZEF, goes out of business. It has not had a long period on active service—a matter of eighteen months all told—but it has been a period in which every endeavour has been made to give the fullest service to the Division possible within the scope at its command and in accordance with the objective defined for it at the time of its foundation.

The proposal for establishing an information bulletin for New Zealand troops took shape at a time when E.R.S. was not only young as Army institutions go, but was a unit of very small dimensions. E.R.S. at this stage was quartered for the most part in a long green wooden hut at San Spirito, next door to No. 1 Convalescent Depot and cheek by jowl with Pay, who had princely quarters in a peculiarly inconvenient casa some fifty yards away. Accommodation was something of a problem, since it was not unknown for



the staff to share not only writing tables, but chairs as well. The "My turn to sit down a week next Tuesday" of the British Working Man was near to the awful truth for E.R.S.

Cue had its beginnings in the green hut, but moved about the time of its fourth issue into a casa on the San Spirito waterfront, where the odours of decaying fish were wafted in with every visitor. The title of the publication, not settled without considerable debate, was decided on to indicate that the bulletin was primarily a cue for discussion and was intended largely to help unit officers in the running of discussion groups and similar activities. Other important decisions which helped to speed Cue on its mission were the frequency of its publication, fixed at twice a month, and its size, laid down, modestly, at sixteen pages including the cover, no inch of which was to be wasted. No. 5 British Military Printing Press at Bari undertook to do the printing of the 3500 copies of each issue—the figure decided upon to give a distribution of one copy for roughly every ten