

HALLETT STATION

Where a crater hill thrusts a shoulder of volcanic rubble against the sea of ice off Cape Adare, a line of buildings grip the frozen earth with steel wire roots. The buildings are squat and flat-roofed with thick and strongly built walls, double doors and double glazed windows. They are secure from frost and blizzards. This place is known as Hallett.

This was the first sight to greet us as we entered the cove where we would unload supplies and much long-awaited mail for the Hallett personnel. The anchor could not be dropped due to high winds. The unloading was carried out in extremely cold and snowy weather. Numbed fingers and feet were the order of the day. Clothing on the personnel on the ship's LCVP's was covered with ice from the spray coming over the sides, but in spite of adverse weather conditions the unloading was completed safely.

