

At Home with the 67th

The celebrated poet Francis J. W——s, is known to have written two very fine works while serving with the armed forces. Both of these are published below exclusive to this paper. Readers will be interested to know that he has been released from the army and will now be able to follow his literary career in the peace and quiet of the Auckland waterfront.

This first sonnet was composed after the poet had been six months in the army:—

"When I was sitting on the stair,
I saw a man who wasn't there,
He wasn't there again to-day.
I wish that man would go away."

The second poem was written after 12 months with the forces. The careful reader will notice the subtle influence of a military life on F. J. W——s.

"There was a young man of Dundee,
Who was stung on the neck by a wasp.

When asked, "Does it buzz?"
He said, "No it didn't,
I'm glad that it wasn't a hornet."

Random Shots

The glorious 67th are considering having the words "SHOW ME THE WAY TO GO HOME" emblazoned on their escutcheon (whatever that is) in place of the sundry blots which now decorate it.

For although we have not yet had the pleasure of illuminating a Zéro, Messerschmitt or Dornier, we have recently been helping wandering Hudsons home.

Of course this business of guiding the faltering footsteps of their friends home is not new to members of the Searchlight Battery!

Our meat is good; 30,000 blowflies can't be wrong.

WAACS' OBJECTION

Recently when the Gunners were going to practise for a coming football match it was found that they lacked weight in the scrum. The suggestion was put forward by one bright hopeful that the Waacs should be called upon to help make up the weight. We're afraid they objected strongly.

—G.5.



SUB. SINKS JAP SUPPLY SHIP—Shelled and later sunk by an American submarine, this Japanese cargo vessel is enveloped in flame and smoke. It was caught in the Pacific.

BAD FORM BY A N.C.O.

Much to the amusement of the rest of the Waacs, after a fast and furious game of basket ball on Saturday, one of them emerged from the game with a black eye. It was found to have been administered by one of our N.C.O.'s while scoring one of our many goals. Unfortunately the rush to the cookhouse for steak was uneventful, so it was decided to let it take its course. Sunday morning dawned bright and clear and promised a good day for our opening. But, alas! Our poor Gunner was far from cheery as she found she would have to greet her visitors with a glamorous black eye. The moment arrived, and we were all greeting our visitors and welcoming them to our camp when suddenly a voice spoke with that familiar U.S. drawl: "Say, kid, where did you get that black eye?"

—G.5.

NEW OCCUPATION

When the raw recruit arrived at his unit, the officer examined his papers and said: "I see you're described as a carrier. I suppose you drive a truck?"

"No, sir."

"What then, a horse and cart?"

"No, sir."

"Then what kind of a carrier are you?"

"Typhoid, sir."

BASKET-BALL

Two exciting basket-ball matches were played last week between G.1. and G.5. In both cases G.5., profiting by extra practice, just managed to win. The games were fast, and a high standard of play was maintained throughout. For G.1., Sgt. Teddy, Gunners Beet, Nixon and O'Hagan were outstanding. For G.5. Gunners Tomes, Hall and Simpson showed fine form.

Saturday's Game—G.5—5; G1—3.

Sunday's game—G.5—6; G.1.—0.

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