

TROOPS "FRAT" IN BERLIN.

Well worthy of the brush of the artist is the fantastic beauty which here and there ^{flowers among the devastated} ~~is the incongruous by-product~~ ^{Berlin.} ~~of Berlin devastation.~~ In these surroundings Allied troops will live during the occupation. Bombing apart the people of Berlin didn't ^{do} at all badly till the last few weeks of the war. They were well dressed, the Germans ransacking the occupied countries to provide the best of everything at home. Now, however, they are learning what it is to go hungry, and are offering allied soldiers some tempting bargains in exchange for food and ~~beer~~ tobacco. Cameras and binoculars found ready customers when the trading began.

(CU money) The Allied military authorities ordered German police to put a stop to this latest Black Market. It's against orders for soldiers to sell civilians anything bought at N.A.A.F.I. canteens, but so tempting were the watches and cameras that orders ~~were~~ at first went by the Board. Germans caught at the game were taken to military headquarters.

On the Lake-side shore of the Wannsee, soldiers took advantage of their new freedom. The non-fraternising order has gone. It was natural enough when the war was only just over, but no military regulations can be framed to stop a soldier having a sharp eye for a pretty girl. Sunday afternoon in the beer-gardens will be an attraction from now on.

of Band ~~(Sleut)~~ ~~(After CU hat)~~ Not all the troops were in a hurry for German company. Too many have bitter memories of things done by German men. However, the Tommies will be a long time in Berlin; nobody begrudges them what fun they can get.