

Nonnemacher, Frederick S.

**Sgt. Nonnemacher  
Meets Up With Reds  
And Vodka On Elbe**

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"I got tangled up with a Russian sergeant and a couple bottles of Vodka and Cognac," wrote S/Sgt. Frederick S. Nonnemacher, Easton R. 3, in describing the historical link-up of the Russian forces and American First Army off the Elbe River in Germany.

According to S/Sgt. Nonnemacher's letter, the fact that neither spoke the other's language didn't dampen the celebration, as Russian and Allied soldiers went wild with excitement. He stated further that he and First Army fighters posed for motion picture cameramen before a hastily constructed "East Meets West" sign.

In the service since December, 1942, the young sarge has been fighting overseas with the 69th Division of the First Army since landing in France July, 1943.

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