



69th Infantry Recon Troop and Russians of the 58th Division in Torgau

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This photo was taken by a United Press International (UPI) photographer in Torgau, Germany on the afternoon of April 26, 1945. Depicted with the Russians of the 58th Division of the First Ukrainian Army are six members of the 69th Infantry Reconnaissance Troop which had earlier in the day escorted General Reinhardt and other brass to that day's meeting with Russian brass on the east bank of the Elbe. The Americans are from left to right: **James Fikes, Frank Veazey, the writer, John Veres (deceased), Ed Sivas and Robert (Bones) Schueler.** This scene has been printed in *Yank*, August, 19, 1945, 1945 Continental Edition, *The Army*, page 13; *Veterans of Foreign Wars Memorial Edition, Pictorial History of World War II, Vol. 1, The War in Europe, 1951*, page 382; *Newsweek*, May 17, 1965 (partial print), page 81; *Newsweek*, June 14, 1965 (with a letter from me to *Newsweek*), page 11; and *Stern* (a German Magazine), March 21, 1985, pages 72 and 73. The latest print of this photo is on the dust jacket of the recently published book, *March to Victory, the Final Months of WWII*.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Elmer says it is time to print this in our bulletin. Elmer, this photo has appeared in the bulletin before, but due to the 50th Anniversary, and possibly members who have not seen it, we decided it would be a good idea to print it again. Thanks for sending it in.)