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14 Apr 45
11.45 AM.

Dear Folks,

$\frac{1}{2}$ hr to go. I have the afternoon off. I just don't feel like working this last half hour. I got your letter written on your birthday, Mother, last night. I'm glad the flowers were O.K. I didn't know what would be in season so ordered just a mixed bouquet.

We have all been rather stunned at the news of the President's death. It was so unexpected to most of us. Although, of course, his last newsreel pictures showed his condition.

There were memorial parades for some of the battalions this morning and short memorial services near the offices.

Many of the girls are quite broken up over the news as they really worshipped him. I do feel that this is a very unfortunate

thing to have happen right now, but, of course,
I believe there are other Americans capable
of running this country.

It is sunny + warm out and looks as if it
would be a fine week-end. I expect we'll go
somewhere but haven't made plans yet.

The Little Theater play was not as good
a performance as usual this time. Much
more of an amateurish performance - but
it was fun. Capt Stokes couldn't go after she
had planned to as she was getting ready to
go today for 3 weeks schooling at an Advanced
Officers Course at the University of Purdue, Indiana.
She offered me the use of her car, however,
and it was a great help not having to catch
a bus either way. Lucky I had had my
license renewed.

Stayed home last night and washed
clothes and cleaned out my foot locker.

The news is good isn't it? shouldn't be much
longer in Europe seems as if.

Love
Ray.