



FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT



Above: As officers and men bare their heads, Colors are dipped and taps sound softly. Right: The Colors are draped.

## Memorial Service

An occasion set aside to receive the Security Shield of Honor from the Commandant of the Coast Guard was turned into an occasion of sorrow on 12 April 1945 as Temporary Reservists of Division 5A, learning of the death of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, paid tribute to the memory of their departed Commander-in-Chief.

Word of the death of the President of the United States was received as members of the Division were gathering at the Irvington Street Armory in Boston for the review and muster. Many had heard the news in hushed silence as groups gathered around radios in automobiles which had drawn up to the curb.

Arrangements for the service at the armory were quickly made and this became one of the first memorial services for President Roosevelt, taking place within a few hours of his death at Warm Springs, Georgia.

