

FINAL PHOTO -- The last photograph of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, taken on April 11, 1945, the day before he died, presents a haunting record of his final hours. Artist Elizabeth Shoumatoff, who was commissioned to paint Mr. Roosevelt at his vacation residence in Warm Springs, Georgia, asked her assistant Nicholas Robbins to snap a few pictures of him. During a painting session the next day, the President glanced up and said, "We have fifteen minutes more to work." As Shoumatoff remembers, those were the last words he uttered. Roosevelt became unconscious and died that afternoon. Left unfinished, the oil painting itself remains on view at Warm Springs. The photo was published for the first time in the July/August issue of AMERICAN HERITAGE magazine.

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