

AMERICANS SALUTE BRITISH BOY.

At Brize Norton R.A.F. station the U.S. Air Force celebrate American Armed Forces Day by making 11 year old Martin Eagle of Oxford, an honorary air force colonel for life, and base commander for the day. His "commission" is presented to him by the official commander Colonel Felix Hardison.

This handsome gesture of Anglo-American friendship is marked by a parade of Boy Scouts and children of both nations. Young Colonel Eagle proudly takes the salute.

More salutes for the little colonel as he goes to watch the firefighting display, one of the many exciting events in the base's "At Home" programme. As temporary commander, Martin can be very proud of the speed and efficiency with which his subordinates tackle the blaze.

Like all good commanders, Martin takes a personal interest in his men. Thanks to these airmen for giving a small boy a great day.