

ADDRESS OF WELCOME - ARMED FORCES DAY, 21 MAY 1955

It gives me great pleasure to extend a hearty welcome to all our guests at RAF Station Brize Norton today. We are sincerely happy to see you here, and we hope that your visit with us this Armed Forces Day will be a most enjoyable occasion.

We are privileged to have with us today Martin Eagle, of Oxford, who has been appointed an honorary colonel in the United States Air Force, as a gesture of the good will between the British and ourselves. He has taken over from me command of RAF Station Brize Norton for Armed Forces Day.

(Colonel Hardison reads scroll.) It is now my pleasure to present Colonel Eagle with this parchment copy of his commission, and to turn the proceedings over to him for the official opening of our Armed Forces Day program.

(Colonel Hardison gives Martin the copy of his commission and shakes hands with him.) Martin says:

Thank you, Colonel Hardison. To all of you who have come to visit Brize Norton today, may I say, "Welcome, and we hope you enjoy yourselves. It is a real pleasure to have you here for Coen House." Captain Rose, my Master of Ceremonies, will now carry on with the program.