

AMERICAN EAGLES' FAREWELL.

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In the early days of the war, many young American airmen came to Britain with the conviction that our cause was worth fighting for: they joined the Royal Air Force and flew with Fighter Command as the Eagle Squadron when our need of fighters was very great indeed. Now the Eagle Squadrons are leaving the R.A.F. to fly with their own countrymen in the U.S. Army Air Forces. Air Marshal Sholto Douglas, Commanding Fighter Command, attended this farewell parade with the American Generals Spaatz and Hunter.

We in Britain will always keep for these Eagle Squadrons a special place in memory: they have shot down scores of enemy planes and many of their earliest comrades gave their lives in our battles. They came to join us in our days of desperate resistance; they leave us as our offensive gathers weight to help us finish the job.