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UNION JACK IS STRUCK

Cairo's historic citadel was the scene of the first step in our evacuation of Egypt. As British troops of the Highland Light Infantry line the Inner Square, fox'd and heavy armed Egyptian soldiers take over. Commanding the ceremony was the G.O.C. Egypt, General Alfrey. 20,000 troops and 100,000 tons of supplies have already moved out of Cairo and Alexandria. Epilogue to a chapter of Empire building, with Egyptian army staff chief, FERIK AFTALLAH PASHA stepping into our shoes.

The ceremonial handing over of the keys symbolizes the return to Egypt of the fortress which has been a British Barracks for 64 years. Hoisted first in 1882, on this summer day of 1946, the Union Jack is struck for the last time in Egypt.

The end of a chequered story as the British guard turns its back on history. From now on, Egypt's shield will have to be the Egyptian Army.