

General GRUENTHER's Farewell To SHAPE
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This morning a ceremony marked the farewell official occasion with General Alfred M. GRUENTHER taking his leave from SHAPE and handing over office to his successor General Norstad.

Arriving at 11.30 in SHAPE grounds where troops were already gathered, General Gruenther accompanied by Field Marshall Montgomery, General Norstad, Admiral Sala and General Schuyler walked to the official stand where they stood at attention to take the salute from parading troops.

When the march-pass is over, General Gruenther made his farewell speech before handing over officially his functions to General Norstad who answers the speech. During this official ceremony the SHAPE FLAG is hoisted before the stand and put in place afterwards.

Picture shows :

- arrival of officials and powers transmission ceremonial
- General Gruenther reviewing troops
- his speech, and General Norstad's answer, before offering him SHAPE flag.
- SHAPE colors hoisted at mast, troops march pass
- shot of General Norstad with French Marshal Alphonse Juin
- Generals Gruenther and Norstad shaking hands before parting.