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SOLDIERS LEAVE FLORIDA
Miami Beach, Florida

1. Gen v soldiers on grounds of hotel, packs being inspected, palm trees in background.
2. Closer v of the same.
3. Semi v soldiers with filled pack putting on helmet.
4. Gen v soldiers with full pack march out of hotel.
5. Gen v girls replacing restricted sign with "Tourist welcome" sign on hotel grounds
6. Closer v girl hammering "Tourists welcome" sign.
7. Gen v of the Surrey Hotel - civilian walk toward hotel.
8. Gen v of civilians entering hotel.
9. Trucks carrying soldiers past camera.
10. Gen v soldiers entering train.
11. Semi v soldiers entering train.
12. Angle shot soldiers board train.
13. Gen v soldiers wave from train - train moves on.

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MILITARY RAILROAD

Camp Clairborne, La.

4/18/46

1. Gen v train toward camera.
2. Semi v train toward camera.
3. Gen v plane overhead train.
4. Gen v soldier looking up to sky thru field glasses.
5. Gen v of soldiers leaving train - run for the side.
6. Angle shot of soldiers running to side of road and anti-aircraft guns on train.
7. Gen v plane overhead plane.
8. CU of whistle blowing!
9. Gen v explosion.
10. Gen v plane overhead train.
11. Gen v explosion.
12. Gen v soldiers running toward damaged railroad tracks.
13. Gen v work car moving up to damaged track.
14. Gen v soldiers carrying new track.
15. Gen v soldiers laying in track.
16. Semi v train moves on.

GENERAL INFORMATION

This is the first Army-built, strictly military railroad in the history of the nation. On this fifty mile stretch of railroad men are trained to become capable railroaders. Into this railroad the 711th Operating Battalion assisted by Army Engineers, built all the handicaps and hazards which railroad troops might have to face in taking over a road on the heels of an invasion and operating it under combat conditions. Here soldier-railroaders learn how to build a shoofly quickly around a bombed piece of track, how to use a detour map, how to get a train to its destination regardless of the "difficulties" en route. From the Clairborne-Pelk Military Railroad, railroad troops have gone to practically every Theater of Operations. The Military Railway Service now is operating railroads on five continents. Army railroaders are operating over 1,000 miles of road in Italy, backing up the American Fifth Army and the British Eighth Army. The Allied push into Burma is supported by their operation of over 700 miles of the vital Bengal-Assam Railway in India.