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EVACUATION OF KWEILIN - CHINA

In Kweilin, China, undisturbed as yet by the war, the peaceful citizens go about their daily business. In the city streets baby pill boxes have been installed for defense against the Japanese, if needed.

The Japanese attack and are within a reported 80 miles from Kweilin. Evacuation of Kweilin is ordered by the military and the Chinese people are forced to leave their city.

Chinese Army troops prepare for defense of the city. Supplies are unloaded from trains. Soldiers march to their battle positions. Coolies begin placing 1000 lb bombs to destroy the Kweilin airbase and facilities.

Lack of transportation makes evacuation a tremendous problem. The Chinese flee the onrush of the Jap by foot, by sampan, by donkey, and by train.

The railroad station is packed with approximately 20,000 Chinese. Government evacuation Tickets do not guarantee a ride on this one track railroad and many civilians wait three days for space. People sit in the steel box cars all day for fear that someone might take their seat. Others cling to the locomotive and hang on the cow-catcher. The strained faces, the tired and hungry children, bloated from malnutrition, tell the story of a people who are attempting to flee the paths of Japanese destruction.

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