

The Red River and Gulf was not the only Louisiana short line to issue passes during their existence, whether they had passenger service or not. Most of them did as their owners hoped to get free transportation for themselves.

However, there was one railroad that issued passes in Louisiana in the 1940's that was most unusual. Most of the people issued passes over this railroad found out that it was really a ticket to doing their railroading in another part of the world.

In 1941-42, the U. S. Army built its own railroad from Camp Claiborne, near Forest Hill, and Camp Polk near Leesville. The only people who ever rode on it or ran the trains were railroaders or soldiers in the Army.

For the soldier-railroaders issued a pass on the Claiborne-Polk Military Railroad, the pass was as much an ID as all transportation was free anyway

On the next page are a pair of passes issued on the C-P. Both are interesting and each tells a different story..