

**The Giddings News**

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Dear Editor:

I want to drop you a few lines and see if you wouldn't put this in the Giddings News, so the people around Giddings can read of the successes Giddings boys are having. I formerly lived with my grandmother, Mrs. Bertha Schmidt of Giddings, for 14 years. I enlisted in the Army in 1940. I am an instructor in the Field Artillery Replacement Training Center here at Fort Sill, Okla and have been up here for 8 months already. I have seen about 20,000 selectees come and go from this place and I was promoted from Corporal to Sergeant a few days ago.

As I was saying about the Field Artillery Replacement Training Center. What we really do up here. We receive a new bunch of about 10,000 selectees every 13 weeks. Those 13 weeks are given each man in the Field Artillery for basic training only, where he learns different phases of being a soldier, physical and mental, both. After the selectees get their 13 weeks basic training here they are transferred to Regular Army or National Guard Units. Its a pretty hard job training selectees to be soldiers, but we don't mind it, and I don't think there is any true American that wouldn't do everpthing in his power and work hard for National Defense.

"Keep 'em Flying."

Sgt. J. E. Urech.