

The Giddings News

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Fort Sill, Oklahoma,
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Dear Editor:

I am a Giddings boy. I formerly lived there about 14 years. I stayed with my late grandmother Mrs. Bertha Schmidt, near the New Oldenburg school. My grandmother died on March 8, 1942. I was down there at her funeral and I want to extend my sincerest appreciation to all her friends. This is the first opportunity I had to do so.

I sure would like to see U.S.O. Clubs organized in Giddings, which would very much provide for the men in the service, clean and decent entertainment, when they come to Giddings for a week-end visit. Clean and decent entertainment is very desirable in a new army camp which is so rapidly built. U.S.O. Slubs could readily provide such entertainment.

Well, let's talk a little about Fort Sill, Oklahoma, which is an old historic Fort located about 3 miles from Lawton which has a population of about 20,000 people.

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I am stationed at the Field Artillery Replacement Training Center which is a Fort within a Fort itself. I have been here for 1 year and 2 months already and I like it just fine. Even though we have considerable work to accomplish and certain goals to attain, I have not failed so far and I shall not fail my Country now in these perilous times.

I am an Instructor and I have instructed many a selectee who has come to this Replacement Center the military life and duties of an American Soldier.

Before I came here I was at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, a member of Btry B 38th F. A. Bn. Before that I was in Btry H 15th F. A. Regt. and also Btry D 12th F. A. Regt. and I really did like San Antonio, in fact I wish I were still down there.

I sure do hope some of my friends who may be in the Army, Navy or Marine Corps will read this article and drop me a line sometime. In fact I would much rather have all my friends around Giddings drop me a few lines. I would appreciate it very much. I get a little lonesome quite often wishing that I could be back in Good Old Giddings.

"Keep 'Em Flying."

"Remember Pearl Harbor."

Your very truly,
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