

### Depiction of General Winder

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publication of this bibliography which he offers as his authority for his recitals and descriptions.

From a monetary point, Kantor's book seems to have been a great success. In 1955 it was a leader in the Book of the Month Club and in 1956 Kantor was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for the best American novel, but some of its readers describe it as an outstanding example of pornography at its worst. Beside it, "Grapes of Wrath" and "Tobacco Road" are exceedingly mild.

Recently the United States Senate Commission on Juvenile Delinquency drew up a long report on pornography and states that five hundred million dollars is spent in this traffic and that the quantity and quality of the material of this racket beggars description. "It is wanton, depraved, nauseating, despicable, demoralizing, destructive and capable of poisoning any mind." These words well describe the contents of the book reported as winning a Pulitzer Prize and being America's best-seller.

**Personal Grievance**  
The writer of this article and

scores of blood kin have feelings of personal grievance against those who slander the name of the Winders of Maryland from which "the Villain of Andersonville" came. We sharply resent the vile insinuations and untruthful statements about General Winder and other Winders mentioned in the book.

Major John Cox Winder, a son of General Winder, born in North Carolina, was a well-known citizen of Raleigh while executive vice president and general manager of the Seaboard Air Line Railroad and the writer was brought up in his home. Another son of Gen. John H. Winder was Capt. W. S. Winder of Baltimore, also born in North Carolina, in whose home the writer was a frequent visitor. The name Winder is well-known and honorably remembered in Maryland, Virginia and North Carolina and public opinion should protect so large a group of good citizens from the slander of willful or ignorant traducers.

Until a reprinting of Dr. Stevenson's book can be made, it is hoped that those who can borrow a copy of this volume will do so and learn the truth about

Andersonville. For those who want a hurried look into the rich contents of Dr. Stevenson's defense of the Confederate procedure at Andersonville, we append a typical extract in the form of a letter in 1875 about Gen. John H. Winder by Mr. James H. Seddon, Secretary of War of the Confederate States, to Capt. W. Sydney Winder of Baltimore. If space permitted, other documentary evidence of the character of the Winders could be furnished from Dr. Stevenson's book and other sources.

#### Letter Praises General

The letter follows:  
Sabot Hill, December 29, 1875  
Mr. W. S. Winder, Baltimore:  
Dear Sir—Your letter reached me some two weeks since, and I have been prevented by serious indisposition from giving it an early reply.

I take pleasure in rendering my emphatic testimony to relieve the character and reputation of your father, the late General John H. Winder, from the unjust aspersions that have been cast upon them in connection with the treatment of the Federal prisoners under his charge during our late civil war.

I had, privately and officially, the fullest opportunity of knowing his character, and judging his disposition and conduct towards the Federal prisoners: for those in Richmond, where he was almost daily in official communication with me, often in respect to them, had been some time under his command before. In large measure from the care and kindness he was believed to have shown to them, he was sent South to have the supervision and control of the large number there being aggregated.

His manner and mode of speech were perhaps naturally somewhat abrupt and sharp, and his military bearing may have added more of sternness and imperiousness; but these were mere superficial traits, perhaps, as I sometimes thought, assumed in a manner to disguise the real gentleness and kindness of his nature. I thought him marked by real humanity towards the weak and helpless—such as women and children, for instance—by that spirit of protection and defense which distinguished the really gallant soldier.

To me he always expressed sympathy, and manifested a strong desire to provide for the wants and comforts of the prisoners under his charge. Very frequently, from the urgency of his claims in behalf of the prisoners while in Richmond, controversies would arise between him and the Commissary-General, which were submitted to me by them in person for my decision, and I was struck by his earnestness and zeal in claiming the fullest supplies the law of the Confederacy allowed or gave color or claim to. This law required prisoners to have the allowance provided for our own soldiers in the field, and constituted the guide to the settlement of such questions. Strict injunctions were invariably given from the Department for the observance of this law, both then and afterwards, in the South, and no departure was to be tolerated from it except under the direct straits of self-defence. Your father was ever resolved, as far as his authority allowed, to act upon

### With The Armed Forces

**Specialist Third Class Clayton W. Chavis, 22**, son of John W. Chavis, Route 2, Vass, is scheduled to leave Germany for the U. S. next month as part of Operation Gyroscope, the Army's unit rotation plan.

Specialist Chavis is a member of the 9th Infantry Division, which is replacing the 8th Infantry Division at Fort Carson, Colo.

Chavis is a gunner in Heavy Mortar Company of the division's 39th Regiment. He entered the Army in September 1954 and completed basic training at Fort Jackson.

Before entering the Army, he was employed by the A & P Company.

**Army Pvt. William R. Honeycutt, 19**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Archie F. Honeycutt, Vass, recently was graduated from the Military Police Training Center at Fort Gordon, Ga.

Honeycutt entered the Army last February and completed basic training at Fort Jackson, S. C. He attended Vass Lakeview High School.

**Army Sgt. St. Clair P. Burton**, whose wife, Barbara, lives in Southern Pines, is a member of the 69th Chemical Smoke Generator Company in Germany.

Sergeant Burton, an instructor in the company, entered the Army in November 1950 and received basic training at Fort Bragg. He arrived in Europe in June, 1954.

The sergeant, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward M. Burton, Norfolk, Va., attended Booker T. Washington High School, Norfolk. He was formerly employed at the Norfolk Naval Base.

and enforce the rule in behalf of the prisoners.

When sent South, I know he was most solicitous in regard to all arrangements for salubrity and convenience of location for the military prisoners, and for all means that could facilitate the supplies and comforts of the prisoners, and promote their health and preservation. That afterwards great sufferings were endured by the prisoners in the South was among the saddest necessities of the war; but they were due, in a large measure, to the cessation of exchange, which forced the crowding of numbers, never contemplated, in the limited prison bounds which could be considered safe in the South, to the increasing danger of attack on such places, which made Southern authorities and commanders hostile to the establishment of additional prisons in convenient localities, and to the daily increasing straits and deficiencies of supplies of the Confederate Government, and not to the want of sympathy or humanity on the part of your father, or his most earnest effort to obviate and relieve the inevitable evils that oppressed the unfortunate prisoners. I know their sad case, and his impotency to remedy it caused him keen anguish and distress.

Amid the passions and outraged feelings yet surviving our terrible struggle, it may be hard still to have justice awarded to the true merits and noble qualities of your father; but in future and happier times I doubt not all mists of error obscuring his name and fame will be swept away under the light of impartial investigation, and he will be honored and revered as he ought to be, among the most faithful patriots and gallant soldiers of the Southern Confederacy.

Very truly yours,  
JAMES A. SEDDON

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**Army Specialist Third Class Jerry F. Walden**, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Walden, Southern Pines, is scheduled to become a member of the 101st Airborne Division when it is formally organized at Fort Campbell, Ky., September 21.

Specialist Walden has been serving in Japan with the 508th Airborne Regimental Combat Team, which is now being airlifted to the U. S. He was a military police desk sergeant in the unit.

Walden entered the Army in January, 1955, and completed basic training at Fort Jackson, S. C. He is a 1954 graduate of Southern

Pines High School.

**Pvt. Jerry G. Britt, 17**, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Caddell, Pinebluff, recently took part in organization day ceremonies at Fort Polk, La., celebrating the 1st Armored Division's 16th anniversary.

Britt, a tank loader, was last stationed at Fort Knox, Ky. He attended Aberdeen High School.

**Pvt. John D. Hunt, 19**, son of George W. Hunt, Pinehurst, recently completed the teletype operation course at the Army's Southeastern Signal School, Fort Gordon, Ga.

The eight-week course trained

Hunt in the use of the military keyboard, teletype and tape relay operation and communications center procedure.

A 1955 graduate of Pinehurst High School, he was employed by Amerotron Mills, Raeford, before entering the Army last November.

**Pvt. Lendon E. Spivey**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Madison Spivey, Route 1, Carthage, is a member of the 7th Infantry Division in Korea.

Spivey, a rifleman in Company K of the division's 31st Regiment, entered the Army in June, 1955, and completed basic training at Fort Eustis, Va.

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