Davis Pepped Up Sam Watkins

THE MORALE of Pvt. Sam Watkins, CSA, was mightily low after the loss of Bull Run. But after eleven hours in Tennessee retreated to Georgia and had figured out, Watkins began to feel better.

The Army of Tennessee had been a fighting army and a poor one. The men were hungry and ragged. The lack of adequate shoes was a great handicap, especially in the mud. The Southern troops were forced to fight with their hands bare and often with no shoes on.

"But he had an appetite..." Watkins said. "I was hungry and I had a little money. So I went to a Negro house and got a hot meal. I was oh, so glad. I felt better."

"Jeff Davis came back..." he continued. "he was in the army before the war. He came back and talked to us. He said they were going to make us go to Florida. I was so glad. I felt better."

"Then Jeff Davis spoke..." Watkins said. "He said we would fight with nothing. That's what I did."

"Selene Watkins..." he said. "She was the love of my life. She was with me when I was in the army. She was the love of my life."

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