

SIGNAL PRACTICE AT TAMPA

A Day with Lieutenant Greene and His Corps of Signal Men.

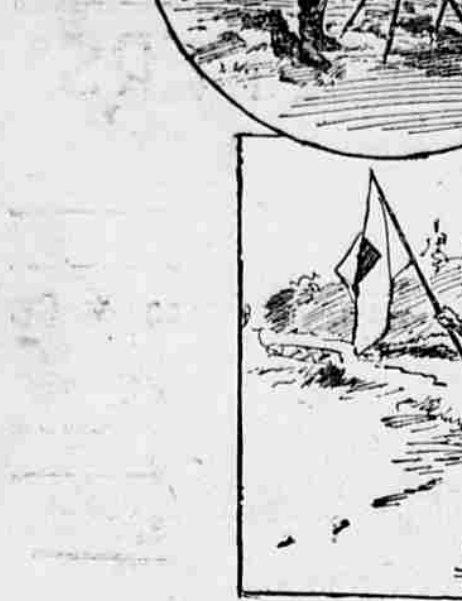
OPERATIONS WITH HELIOGRAPH AND FLAGS

How the Men Are Being Trained to Do Expert Work—Drilling with Field Telegraph and Line Building.

The most picturesque practice work being done in Tampa at the present time by the regular army is that of the signal corps.

In time of peace the corps is a small one. General A. W. Greely, the famous Arctic explorer, is at its head.

The officer-in-charge here is Lieutenant Greene, and he has recruited a large number of men from the ranks and is putting them through a rigid course of training and practice.



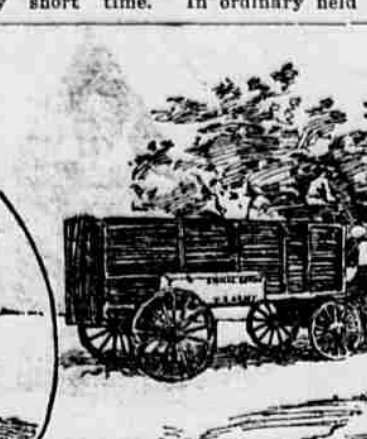
A SOLDIER'S DAUGHTER.

By EMOGENE MANCHESTER.

The civil war had been over just ten years when Glory Price was born.

They called her Glory because, when her soldier father had, with awkward tenderness, first taken the warm little bundle into his one arm, he had glanced up at the bullet-riddled flag that always hung above the family mantel and said softly:

The field telegraph is, perhaps, the most important work of the corps. Practice with this has not been carried on in Tampa on account of the sandy soil, but the men will have plenty of field telegraph work to do in an active campaign.



Notwithstanding the shadow of her name, little Glory thrived and grew so sweet and winsome that even passing strangers would stop to pat the crown of golden curls and gaze into the perfect face.

Nothing pleased her childish fancy more than to hear tales of the upholding of the old flag, and oftentimes with shining eyes she would stroke the empty sleeve and look up into the weatherbeaten face she loved so well and wonder "what a little girl like Glory Price could ever do to serve her country."

The years came and went, bringing with them a rare and perfect womanhood for the old soldier's daughter. She was still Glory Price, for to one after another she had said "No," scarcely realizing that her heart was aching with one who was serving under the old flag, until she had promised to marry the Maine-Jim's ship—had been ordered to Havana harbor to protect American interests there. Unshed tears trembled in the

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practice three miles are often put in operation in an hour. Over uncertain ground a mile an hour is allowed for the minimum.

In setting up the telegraph different work is allotted to each man, and he is so thoroughly trained that he goes about it without delay or reference to the others.

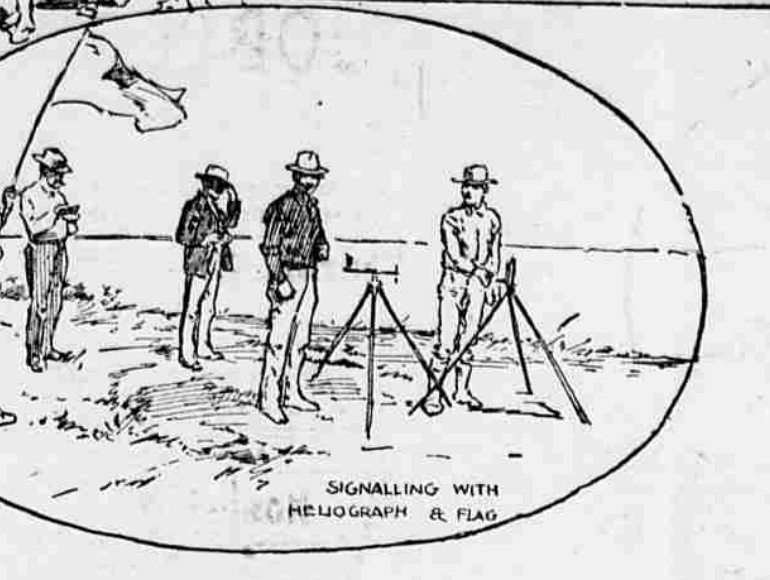
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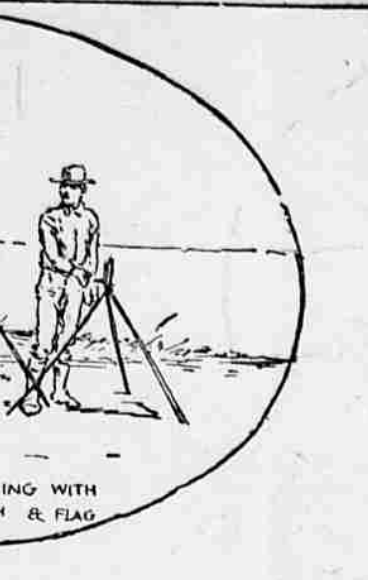
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well the natives of old patterned their death-dealing appliances. The handle of the iron sword is ornamented with tufts of hair and, fanciful, raised designs, in token, perhaps, of the valuable qualities as a hair-raising tool.

A Malay creese is the fifth weapon in the collection. These weapons were made by the Visayas, a Malay tribe who inhabit the islands to the south of Luzon.

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overlooking Charlotte Amalie—the only town on the island—there still stands the castle of an old corsair. It is tall, if tottering, quite white, and it is beautiful with maccabeanism surmounted by a crenelated top through which the muzzles of cannon used to talk.

A four-wheel carriage resembles an exaggerated most cleaver, of uninviting appearance, with sharpened edge on one side and a long point on the other, in solid iron, with a long handle.

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feet. Meanwhile, partly at Jamaica, partly at St. Thomas, he had stored his booty, it seemed inconsiderable. To increase it he went back to Panama. There were 8,000 men to receive him. He and his band cut them to pieces. He took the town, and from it money and jewels to the value of \$7,000,000. It was a nest-egg, one which he would have multiplied had it not been that at this juncture peace between England and Spain was arranged. By way of compensation he was knighted. Thereupon he married, settled down, and lived to tell his grandchildren tales of his hazardous youth. They can hardly be forgotten in St. Thomas yet. But the place has lost its savor. Today it is little more than a marine roundhouse, a restaurant and water-tank for passing ships.

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