Immediately upon receipt of these orders the survey began at the mouth of the St. Johns and it was the first in this part of Florida in relation to the Spanish-American war.

War Chronology

1898


April 4-10: Local military companies recruiting to war strength.

April 15: Two companies of negro troops under white officers passed through en route to Key West; first troop movement through Jacksonville.

April 18: Jacksonville Naval Militia offered its services to the Government; services accepted and unit ordered to recruit to war strength. Officers: A. R. Merrill, lieutenant commander; J. H. Bland, lieutenant; Cromwell Gibbons and F. D. Miller, ensigns.

April 23: Jacksonville Naval Militia called to the colors; ordered to establish signal stations at the mouth of the St. Johns River.

May 3: Jacksonville Light Infantry and Jacksonville Rifles, having volunteered, were called to the colors; ordered to hold themselves in readiness.

May 12: Practically the entire white population of the city turned out to wish Godspeed to Jacksonville Light Infantry and Jacksonville Rifles, entraining for Tampa. The roster of the Rifles at this time was 106 officers and men, and that of the Jacksonville Light Infantry 91.

May 26: Wilson's Battery volunteered for service.

June 1: Censorship of troop movements inaugurated.

June 12: Full roster of each company of the First Florida Regiment appeared in the Times-Union and Citizen of this date.

June 13: Jacksonville designated as the commissary depot for the Seventh Army Corps.