SHAFTER PRAISES TROOPS.

Tells of the Courage and Ability of His Army Before Santiago.

Work Has Been Strafled on Few Occasions in the World's History—Tribute to the Memory of the Dead.

SANTIAGO, July 22—(Mail, via Kingston, July 15)—Shafter has issued general order No. 26, congratulating the army on the successful termination of the campaign in Cuba. The order follows:

"Headquarters United States Troops in Cuba, Santiago de Cuba, July 17—General order No. 26:

"The successful accomplishment of the campaign against Santiago, resulting in the destruction of the squadron of the Spanish force and the capture of large amounts of military stores, together with the destruction of the white Spanish fleet in the harbor, which upon the investment of the city was forced to leave, is due to the skill, courage and endurance of the army.

"This has been accomplished through the hardships of the season and the hitherto little known or little appreciated difficulties of the American army. The work we have accomplished was accomplished in the sight of a great nation, who expect to be proud of the prowess that has been displayed on few occasions in the world's history. Looking upon the unknown dangers, the soldiers displayed a disregard and contempt of danger that even in nothing has been surpassed.

"Scouts, with the exception of the navy, the Cubans of Bryan's and Castillo's commands, and the Rough Riders, served with the cavalry, acted as guides, and performed all the duties of Spanish dragoons in Spain or Cuba. The Rough Riders have served with the cavalry and have displayed the greatest heroism, dashed into the Spanish lines and captured the enemy's guns, and have served with the cavalry in nothing but the most conspicuous gallantry