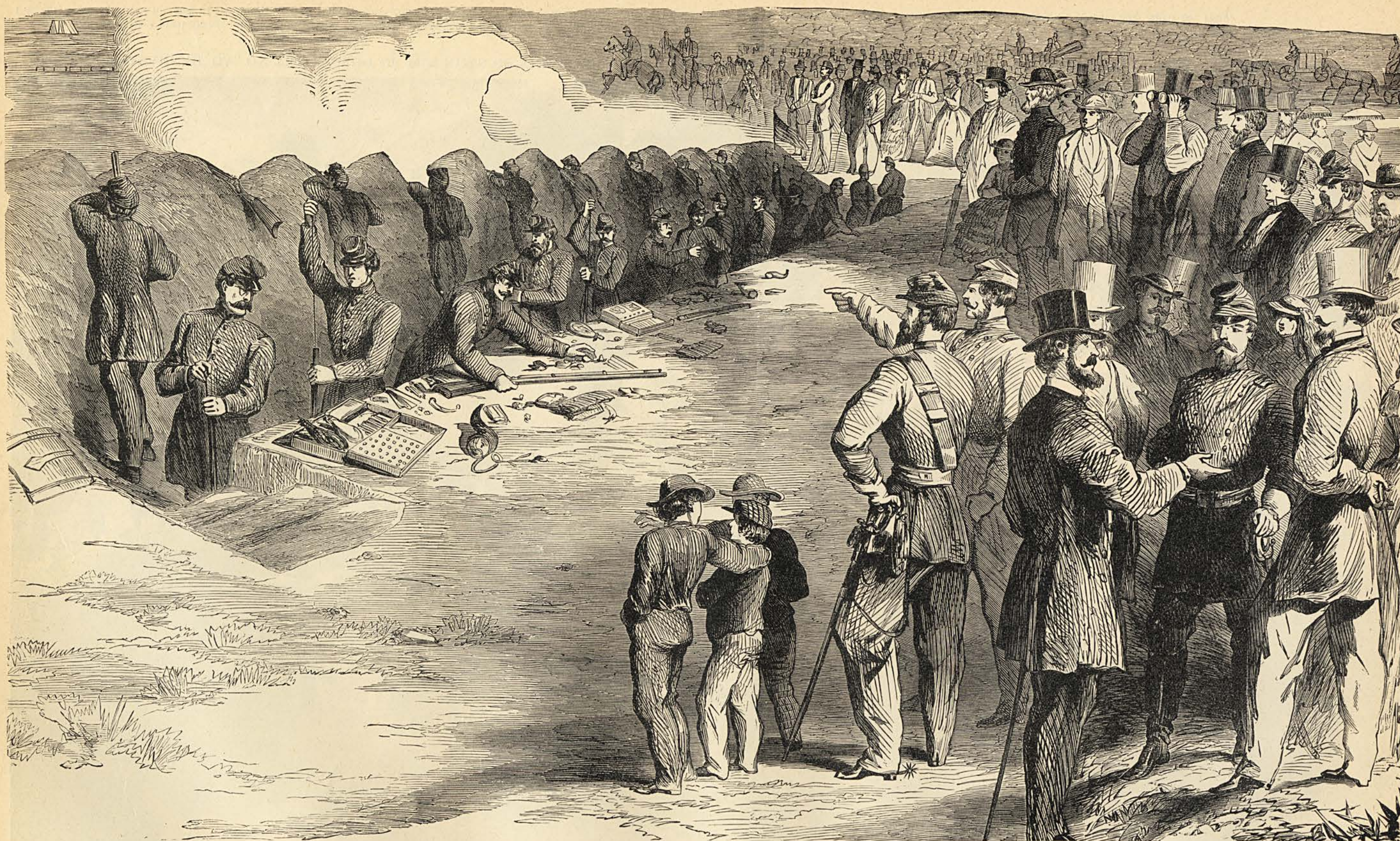




SHARPSHOOTING.—TRIAL OF SKILL OF BERDAN'S RIFLEMEN BEFORE GENERAL McCLELLAN AND STAFF AT WASHINGTON.

General Hiram Berdan organized the famous corps of crack riflemen known as the First and Second Regiments of United States Sharpshooters. The men were recruited from the country at large. One test of fitness for this corps was the ability to put ten consecutive shots within an average of five inches from the centre of the target, shooting off-hand at 100 paces and 200 paces from a rest. Many a marksman in the ranks could score a bull's-eye every time at those distances.