The organization of each Company as follows :—

> 1 Captain,
> 1 Lieutenant, } Commissioned Officers.
> 1 Engineer,
> 2 Gunners, } Warrant Officers.
> 1 Boatswain.

Total 48 men and 6 officers subdivided into Gun Crews of 12 men each.

Duties of the Force. The duties of the various Companies of this Force will be, the defence of their respective Seaports—in Shore Batteries, in Boats or vessels, to co-operate with Land Forces if required, and the transportation of Guns, Stores or Troops along the Sea Coast.

Instruction and Drill. The Instruction and Drill will comprise—the Exercise of Great Guns and Small Arms—the latter to include Cutlass Exercise;—the simplest Military Movements ; Armed Boat Drill, and Evolutions whenever practicable.

No extra training beyond that required of Militia will be exacted within the year, without adequate provision being made for the payment of the men; but this will not extend to any training which may be volunteered.

Selection of Officers. The selection of Officers, whenever possible, should be made from among those persons connected with the shipping interests, and only such Officers, Warrant Officers and Men are to be selected as are conversant with boat or sea service, or the mechanical pursuits therewith connected,—subject to rejection if not finally approved on training and inspection.

Warrant Officers. The Warrant Officers should be men of intelligence and character, capable of securing discipline, and maintaining command by the exercise of ability, decision and judgment.

Warrant Officers, to be effective, should know their places in all changes of position, and should be capable of taking charge of the drill of either a gun crew or company.

Coxswains. Coxswains will be required for each Gun Crew, who should be smart active men. Warrant Officers and Coxswains' duties, when operating as Land Force, will be similar to the duties of Sergeants and Corporals in Infantry Corps.

Crews. The Gun or Boat Crews may include, as well as Seamen, Fishermen, Stevedores, Riggers, Ship Carpenters, and other persons accustomed to Vessels or Boats.