

this branch receives a yearly grant of £1 provided he attains a certain degree of proficiency. The money so expended yields a valuable return.

A manual of garrison artillery drill has been published. It will be of great benefit to the officers and men. Staff Sergeant-Major Richardson, R.A., has devoted much time and labour to this manual, which is an excellent one.

Distribution of Branch A.

District and Corps.	Officers.	Men.	Proficient.	Qualified for Capitulation.	Unqualified.	Remarks.
Auckland—						
Auckland Navals	3	87	30	82	8	Good.
Ponsonby Navals	3	87	56	87	3	Very good.
Devonport Navals	4	83	9	...	87	Good.
Total	10	257	95	169	98	
Wellington—						
Wellington Navals	3	95	65	84	14	Excellent.
Petone Navals	3	71	48	65	9	Very good.
Total	6	166	113	149	23	
Canterbury—						
Lyttelton Navals	1	65	14	59	7	Good.
Otago—						
Dunedin Navals	3	72	47	69	6	Very good.
Port Chalmers Navals	3	77	32	76	4	Good.
Total	6	149	79	145	10	
Grand total, 8 corps ...	23	637	301	522	138	

The work done by the B Branch of the Naval Artillery is that of rifle companies. A wise decision has been arrived at in allowing these corps a certain time within which they must become infantry companies, and become absorbed in the battalions about to be formed.

The Bluff and the Nelson Naval Artillery Companies are very excellent infantry companies; the Thames, Westport, and Timaru Companies are very good.

Distribution of B Branch.

District and Corps.	Officers.	Men.	Capitated.	Unqualified.	Remarks.
Auckland—					
Thames Navals	2	70	68	4	Very good.
Wellington—					
Wanganui Navals	2	63	63	2	Very good.
Napier Navals	3	49	50	2	Good.
Total	5	112	113	4	
Canterbury—					
Timaru Navals	2	79	66	15	Very good.
Otago—					
Bluff Navals... ..	4	97	98	3	Very good.
Oamaru Navals	3	58	59	2	Improved.
Total	7	155	157	5	
Nelson, &c.—					
Nelson Navals	3	60	61	2	Very good.
Greymouth Navals	3	52	55	...	Moderate.
Westport Navals	2	64	58	8	Very good.
Total	8	176	174	10	
Grand total, 9 corps ...	24	592	578	38	