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"A body of great compact for an American navy, and this is the strength that can never be able to make a perfect screen with their ships. The more the men, the more hands for the work that has to be done, and the better the equipment of the ships, the better the chance that they may be able to hold in constant training. This is the reason why the ships are kept together, not only because of the efficiency of the crew, but also because of the efficiency of the officers. The ships are kept together in order to maintain the discipline, which is the most essential part of the crew's work. The ships are kept together also in order to maintain the efficiency of the officers, who are the most important part of the crew."