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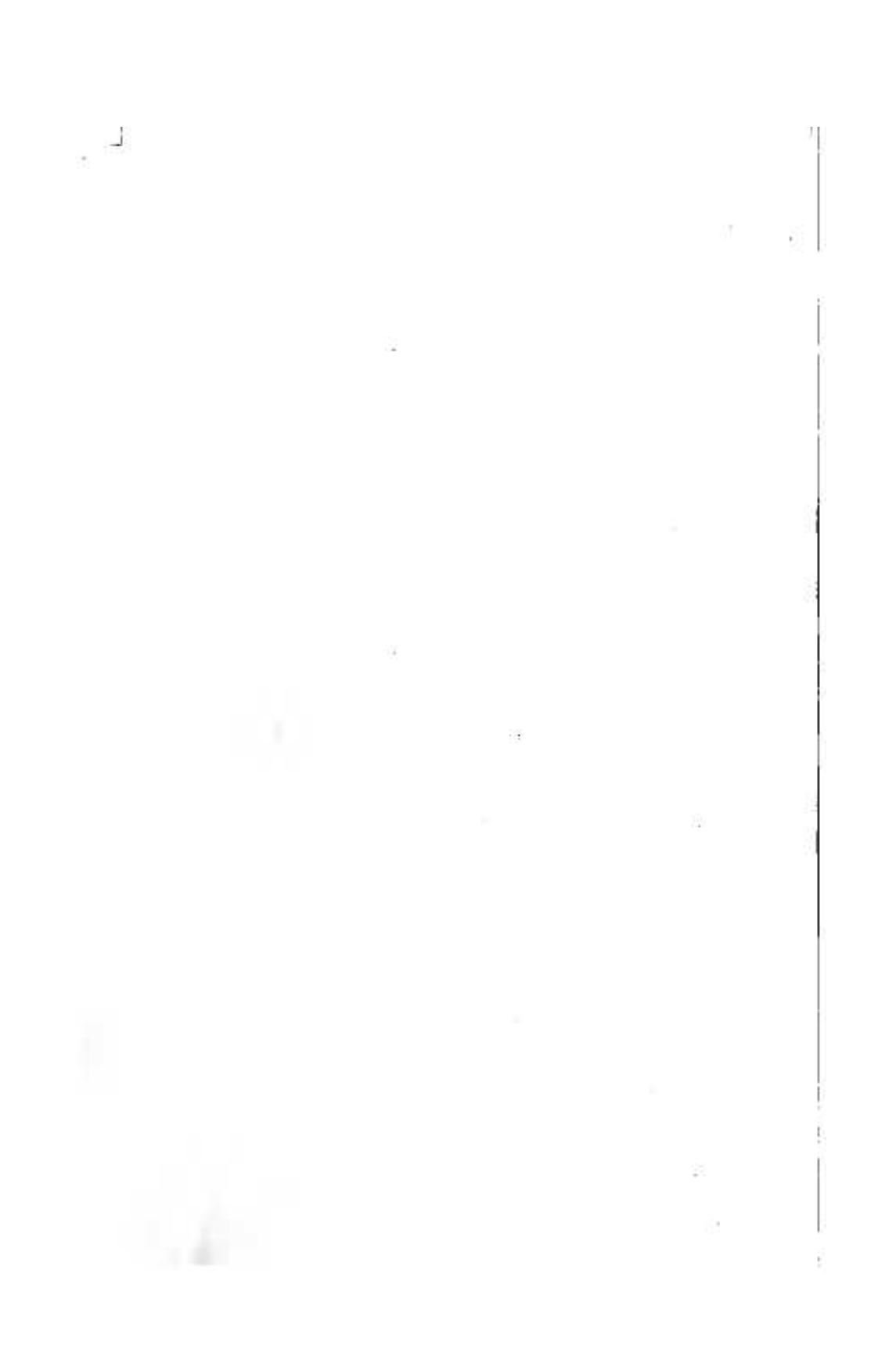


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1872.

I HAVE examined this book, and find it to be what is desired by beginners in broadsword, and strongly recommend the publication thereof.

DAVID D. PORTER,

*Vice-Admiral.*



U. S. NAVAL ACADEMY,  
ANNAPOLIS, MD., Nov. 4, 1868.

VICE-ADMIRAL DAVID D. PORTER, U. S. N.,  
*Superintendent.*

*Sir*,—In obedience to your order of October 28th, 1868, we have carefully examined the work entitled "Principles of Squad Instruction in Broad sword Exercise," prepared by Mr. Corbesier, and would respectfully recommend that it be published for use throughout the navy.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servants,

E. O. MATTHEWS, *Lt. Com.*

EDW. TERRY, *Lt. Com.*

S. P. GILLETT, *Lt. Com.*

Approved.

D. D. PORTER, *Vice-Admiral.*





## INTRODUCTION.

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THE design of this work in the "Broadsword Manual" is not to present anything new or original, but simply to give, if possible, uniformity to the exercise with a most important weapon of attack and defense.

The instructions herein contained have formed, during the past two years, part of the "Course of Fencing" at the Naval Academy; and the good results there attained have induced the author to put the method before the officers of the navy generally.

• He feels the more confident in doing this, because it seems to supply a want long experienced

by naval officers in their instruction of the men. To teach efficiently, there must be some recognized system; and, without claiming any extraordinary merit for this work, the author feels it will assist both instructor and pupil.