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Binding:

Original binding, the fragment of an old print containing the text of *Vulgate* had been used as a covering.

History:

The manuscript does not seem to be an autograph. Considering the characteristic features of the writing, the manuscript was made in the 17th century. Taking into account the language of the text, it might have been copied in France. On the front endpaper there is the previous call number *M 167*. The same call numbers, written by the same hand, can be found in the manuscripts gall. quart. 19, gall. fol. 134 and gall. fol. 135; these are former call numbers of the Königlische Bibliothek, registered in the *Catalog von Kupferwerken, Zeichnungen, Handschriften etc. in der Kurf. Bibliothek zu Berlin Saec XVIII*, which was established in 1713. Because the manuscript does not have an accession number, it must have been included in the collection of the Königlische Bibliothek before 1828, which is the year when the acquisition register was introduced.

Content:

The manuscript contains an anonymous text entitled *Brève instruction de la mathématique militaire*. This is a short introduction to arithmetics intended for the future engineers who would be building fortifications. This work might be of interest to a historian researching warfare. Other manuscripts containing the same text have not been identified. With reference to this manuscript, cf. Lemm, p. 18.