

We provide direct and general support maintenance to designated elements of the USAREUR Augmentation Readiness Group.

And we act as a transfer point under the cooperative logistics program.

CHART NO. 2—TONS IN STORAGE

This chart reflects the tons in storage at the depot with 30 June 1966 as the base point and brought up to date as of 26 May 1967.

Mr. MONAGAN. What was the date the movement started?

Colonel NELSON. Actually the movement from France started in April. You will see this in the next chart that I will show you. We have used in this one our year end tonnage. In Germersheim they received a relatively small amount the first 3 months. The bulk of our tonnage came in the period October, November, and December.

As you can see, the big increase has come in ground forces equipment. This was the equipment that was formerly the Engineer Commodity Group's equipment. This consisted principally of bridging, though there is some tonnage of heavy construction equipment included.

CHART NO. 3—STATUS OF STOCKS

This next chart shows the status of our stocks. It is a significant one because it shows a change in our stock status in shifting from an ordnance vehicle storage park to a general depot configuration. A significant part in this shows the major increase in our serviceable tonnage. We have reduced the number of major items of equipment. These are such items as tractors that have been reduced after the serviceability of these items has been increased.

Mr. MONAGAN. What is the legend "Unserviceable"?

Colonel NELSON. These are items that are not ready for issue. They require overhaul or rebuilding or have exceeded their serviceable life. It is used equipment, sir, that would require repair before it could be reissued for combat serviceability.

Mr. MONAGAN. The major portion for fiscal year 1966 is in that category.

Colonel NELSON. Yes, sir. Sir, this was the principal issue and turn-in point for all the combat vehicles for the 7th Army, so as you modernized the 7th Army we received back from the 7th Army the old vehicles. So as we issue a good vehicle we get back an unserviceable one.

Mr. MONAGAN. These figures are numbers of items, is that right?

Colonel NELSON. Yes, number of major items of equipment.

Mr. MONAGAN. So your total is actually smaller?

Colonel NELSON. Yes, sir.

Mr. MONAGAN. But your percent of serviceable is almost the same as unserviceable.

Colonel NELSON. The third item in the legend below is "Disposition instructions received." This indicates that we have received disposition instructions on 3,000 items. This may be directing us to ship the item back to CONUS or to a rebuild plant or to the property disposal activity.

Mrs. HECKLER. Would the orders be from the NICP?

Colonel NELSON. That is correct. All our instructions come from the commodity agency here in Europe.