

As a result, there was established a new general grade position, that of Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, for Doctrine, Systems, and Readiness. Reporting to him is the Logistics Doctrine and Systems Office, located in the Pentagon with a strength of 46 people.

The Logistics Doctrine and Systems Office is directly supported by a field agency (the Logistics Doctrine, Systems, and Readiness Agency) located at New Cumberland, Pa., with an authorized strength of 195 people. The Logistics Doctrine and Systems Office and its supporting field agency provide for the central general staff direction of the Army-wide program of logistic systems development by establishing design criteria and prescribing standard data elements, standard input-output formats, and common program packages. Detailed logistic systems design and programming has been decentralized to major subordinate commands as follows:

The U.S. Army Combat Developments Command is responsible for detailed development of logistics systems for the Army in the field (entire overseas logistic system).

The U.S. Army Materiel Command is responsible for detailed development of all wholesale standard logistic systems peculiar to operations in the United States of America.

The basic concepts of standardization and simplification of logistics systems for the Army in the field, less post, camp, and station systems, are announced in the "Administration Support Theater Army (TAS TA-70) Study" dated March 1967.

The combat service support system of the automatic data systems for the Army in the field provides for automation of logistics, administrative, and financial functions, and is based on compatible procedures throughout the Army in the field.

Operations of both the continental United States and overseas units of the Army in the field will be standardized to the maximum extent so that a continental U.S. unit deploying overseas can "unplug" from the continental United States and "plug" into an overseas command logistics system without modification or abnormal delay.

Prototype installation of combat service support systems for division and corps level operations will be tested in III Corps at Fort Hood, Tex., beginning in July 1968. Current theater-level systems, including recent actions regarding the upgrade of the U.S. Army Pacific standard supply system will be considered as the basic building blocks for the standard theater-level logistics system.

Pending the development, test, and fielding of the combat service support systems, several different types of automatic data processing systems have been or will be developed, tested, and distributed as appropriate within elements of the Army in the field in support of immediate logistics functions.

Included are:

Magnetic ledger card systems to mechanize class II and IV supply operations in the maintenance battalions. Stock control operations at 50 direct-support units/general-support units within Southeast Asia have been mechanized utilizing standard equipment programs and procedures developed centrally by an element of the U.S. Army Combat Redevelopment Command and these systems will be extended to other direct-support units/general-support units Army-wide with distribution to commence in early fiscal year 1969.