

of nondivisional and divisional direct support units and CONUS installation support activities.

In the case of the nondivisional direct support units, which operate separately, a magnetic ledger card system is used to automate supply functions. A total of 58 of these systems have been installed in direct support units, principally in Vietnam. Procurement of an additional 84 sets of equipment is in process. These will be used in nondivisional direct support maintenance units in Europe, Korea, and CONUS. This system was centrally developed and standardization is maintained through centralized control of program changes.

For the divisional direct support level, a test has been conducted in the two armored divisions of the III Armored Corps at Fort Hood, Tex. This test involved many new concepts for improving supply and maintenance support within the combat division. The automation of many functions, heretofore performed manually, were tested, including stock control of all classes of supply, the unit property book, modification work order management, and maintenance management. It is planned that the automated programs resulting from the test will be installed in some divisions as an interim capability pending the availability of the Armywide standardized division logistic ADP system being developed as a part of the CS₃ effort.

CS₃ or the combat service supporting system, will provide transportable, third-generation ADPE for the processing of logistic, personnel and administrative data in the Army in the field.

The CS₃ divisional direct support logistic applications are being centrally developed and will be centrally maintained to assure Armywide standardization and compatibility with other standard logistic systems. A test of CS₃ is scheduled to commence in late 1969. I believe that some of you gentlemen viewed a set of CS₃ equipment on display at the Pentagon on last Thursday.

In addition to the divisional direct support level, the CS₃ program encompasses the general support level at corps and field army, and the theater level CS₃ envisions a standard, centrally maintained system for the Army in the field providing optimum integration, and interface of the support echelons within the theater of operations.

As a part of the CS₃ program the Army has scheduled the activation, this summer, of a quick reaction inventory control center (QRICC) capable of functioning with a separate force up to an independent corps size. The QRICC will utilize the general support programs and third generation hardware developed for CS₃.

The QRICC is intended to provide a much needed inventory control and supply management capability, readily deployable in support of contingency forces. The need for such a unit was apparent in the rapid buildup in support of the war in Vietnam. Undoubtedly, we would be having fewer supply problems there today had we had a deployable inventory control unit, properly trained in standard systems and procedures, at the outset.

At the theater support level, action has been initiated at the Combat Developments Command as part of CS₃ for the design of a standard automated system for USAREUR, USARPAC (including subcommands) and other future theaters. Installation of this standard system is planned to be completed during 1972. A lower developmental priority has been assigned to this effort because of the relatively high