

Portable Sound System

—offers clear voice communications
while wearing protective masks

A new, hands-free portable sound system using a snap-on gas mask microphone, offers clear voice communications to users wearing protective masks.

Formerly, communication was achieved by hand signals or screaming through the mask. The system has already been used in field exercises at Fort Lewis, Washington; Fort Ord, California; and South Korea. Thirty units were scheduled for arrival at the Chemical School in February.

AudioPack, (NSN 5830-01-140-140-8220), enhances training by amplifying and projecting instructors' voices in a 360-degree circle up to 100 meters.

Users slip the six-and-a-half pound system on like a backpack, regulating the volume by twisting a dial on the headset microphone.

CPT James D. Lee, commander of the 9th Chemical Company (Dual Purpose) at Fort Lewis, said he would not want to "deploy to war without this system."

He said the command and control module proved "invaluable in establishing command and control during tactical decontamination operations," and that leaders could be clearly identified by their possession of the unit.

