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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*

Last, First, Middle: Richards, Jr., Reuben F.

Street: c/o EMCORE, 394 Elizabeth Avenue

City, State, Zip: Somerset, NJ 08873

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol: EMCORE Corporation - EMKR

3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)

4. Statement for Month/Year: December 1997

5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)

6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)

(x) Director () 10% Owner
(x) Officer (give title below) () Other (specify below)
Chief Executive Officer and President

7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)

(x) Form filed by One Reporting Person
() Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction
4(b)(v).

Table I -- Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)		2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D) Price
(1)	Common Stock	12/03/97	X		138,742	A \$4.08
(2)	Common Stock	12/9/97	J(1)		162	A \$18.50
(3)	Common Stock	12/9/97	J(1)		154	A \$19.50

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)		Table I -- Continued			
		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
(1)	Common Stock			D	
(2)	Common Stock			D	
(3)	Common Stock	270,593		D	

(1) Grant pursuant to Directors' Stock Award Plan

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

Table II -- Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)
			Code	V (A) (D)
(1) Common Stock Warrant (right to buy)	\$4.08	12/03/97	X	138,742

Table II -- Continued

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
(1)	Common Stock Warrant (right to buy)	Immed.	5/01/01	Common Stock	138,742

Table II -- Continued

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
(1) Common Stock Warrant (right to buy)			0	D

Explanation of Responses:

Reuben F. Richards, Jr.

January 9, 1997

Person Date

Name of Reporting Person:

By /s/ Thomas G. Werthan

**Signature of Reporting

Name: Thomas G. Werthan

Title: Attorney-in-Fact

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