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October 20, 2003

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF  
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): October 16, 2003

DOVER CORPORATION  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

STATE OF DELAWARE  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

1-4018  
(Commission  
File Number)

53-0257888  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

280 Park Avenue, New York, NY  
(Address of principal executive offices)

10017  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (212) 922-1640

Item 12. Results of Operation and Financial Condition.

On October 16, 2003, Dover Corporation issued a press release announcing its third quarter 2003 operating results. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

The information in this Form 8-K and the attached Exhibit shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Act of 1934, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such

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filing.

Signatures

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

DOVER CORPORATION  
(Registrant)

Date: October 17, 2003

By: /s/Joseph W. Schmidt

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Joseph W. Schmidt, Vice President,  
General Counsel & Secretary

EXHIBIT INDEX

EXHIBIT NO. DESCRIPTION

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99.1	Press Release dated October 16, 2003, announcing the Company's consolidated financial results for the quarter ended September 30, 2003.
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