SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

SECURITIE	S AND EXCHANGE CO	MIMISSION
	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 Re	eport (Date of earliest event reported): January 2	22, 2004
	STERIS Corporation	
(I	Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)	
Ohio (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)	0-20165 (Commission File Number)	34-1482024 (IRS Employer Identification No.)
5960 Heisley Road, Mentor, O (Address of Principal Executive Of		44060-1834 (Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code (440) 354-2600

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Not Applicable

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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ITEM 12. Results of Operations and Financial Condition

Attached hereto as Exhibit 99 is a copy of a press release in connection with the fiscal 2004 third quarter results of operations issued by STERIS Corporation on January 22, 2004.

The information contained in this Current Report on Form 8-K, including the exhibit attached hereto, is being furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission and shall not be deemed to be filed for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section. Furthermore, the information contained in this Current Report on Form 8-K shall not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document filed pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

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SIGNATURES

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.

STERIS Corporation		
By:	/s/ Laurie Brlas	
	Laurie Brlas	
	Senior Vice President	
	and Chief Financial Officer	

Date: January 22, 2004