## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549 SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Amendment No. 6)

COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS, INC. (Name of Issuer)

Common Stock (Title of Class of Securities)

203900 10 5 (CUSIP Number)

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4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE O	F ORGANIZATION UNITED STATES				
NUMBER OF	5 SOLE VOTING POWER 541,350				
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The undersigned hereby amends Item 4 of his Schedule 13G relating to the common stock of Communications Systems, Inc., so as to read as follows:

## ITEM 4. OWNERSHIP

The following ownership of John C. Ortman as of December 31, 1996 in the common stock of Communications Systems, Inc. was as follows:

(a)	Amount Beneficially Owned	541 <b>,</b> 350
(b)	Percent of Voting Shares Outstanding	5.94%
(c)	Number of shares as to which person has:	
(i)	Sole power to vote or direct the vote:	541,350
(ii)	Shared power to vote or direct the vote:	0
(iii	) Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition of:	541,350
(iv)	Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition of:	0

The shares  $\,$  listed above include  $\,$  12,000  $\,$  shares  $\,$  issuable upon exercise of currently exercisable stock options.

## SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: February 11, 1997

/s/ John C. Ortman John C. Ortman