

And here's a bit of trivia for the TPS-43 (basic):
The first TPS-43 "tech school" was located in the
"penthouse" above the Sacramento radar equipment depot at
McClellan AFB, CA. There were only 2 or 3 instructors and
only one class at a time was conducted. TSgt "Moon"
Mullins was the school's TPS-43 guru and he could tell you
things about the 43 that Westinghouse didn't even know
about their radar. I attended this school Jan-Apr 1973 and
remember having to ride the freight elevator up to the
penthouse each day.

Interestingly, while I was upstairs learning exotic new
digital systems, I remember that the SMAMA depot floor was
chock full of some very archaic radar equipment - much of
it resembling Dr. Frankenstein's laboratory. I can still
recall the smell of burnt insulating shellac and hot dust.
I also remember watching EC-121s (Lockheed Supper Connie
AWACS planes) landing and taking off at McClellan. Those
were fascinating times for a young A1C!!!

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