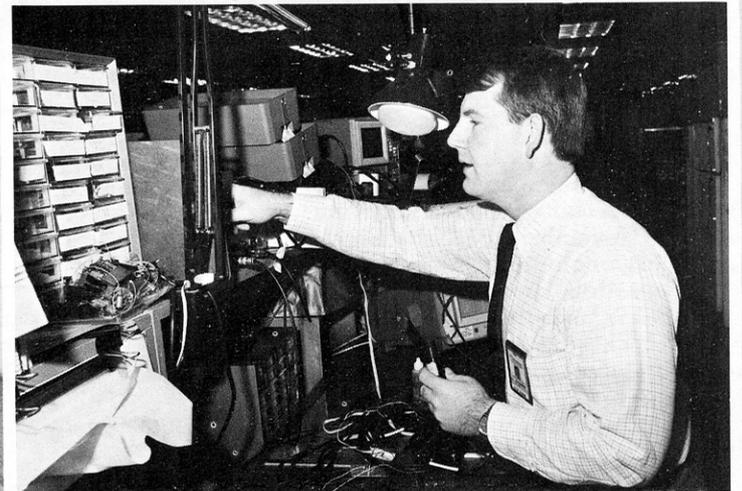
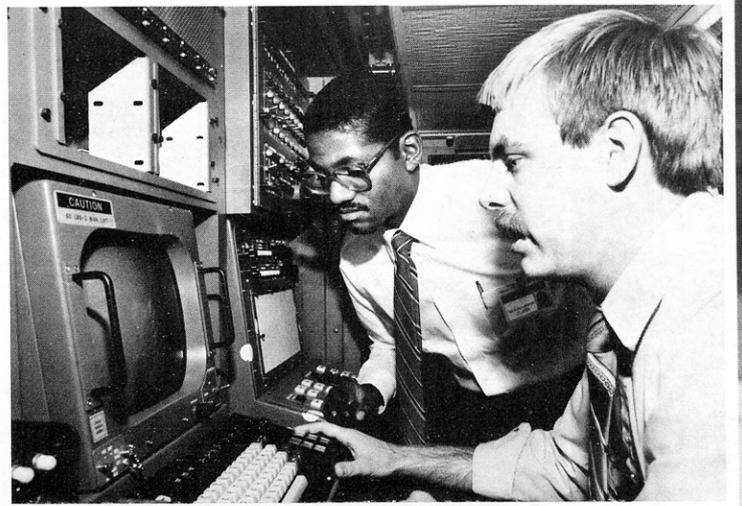
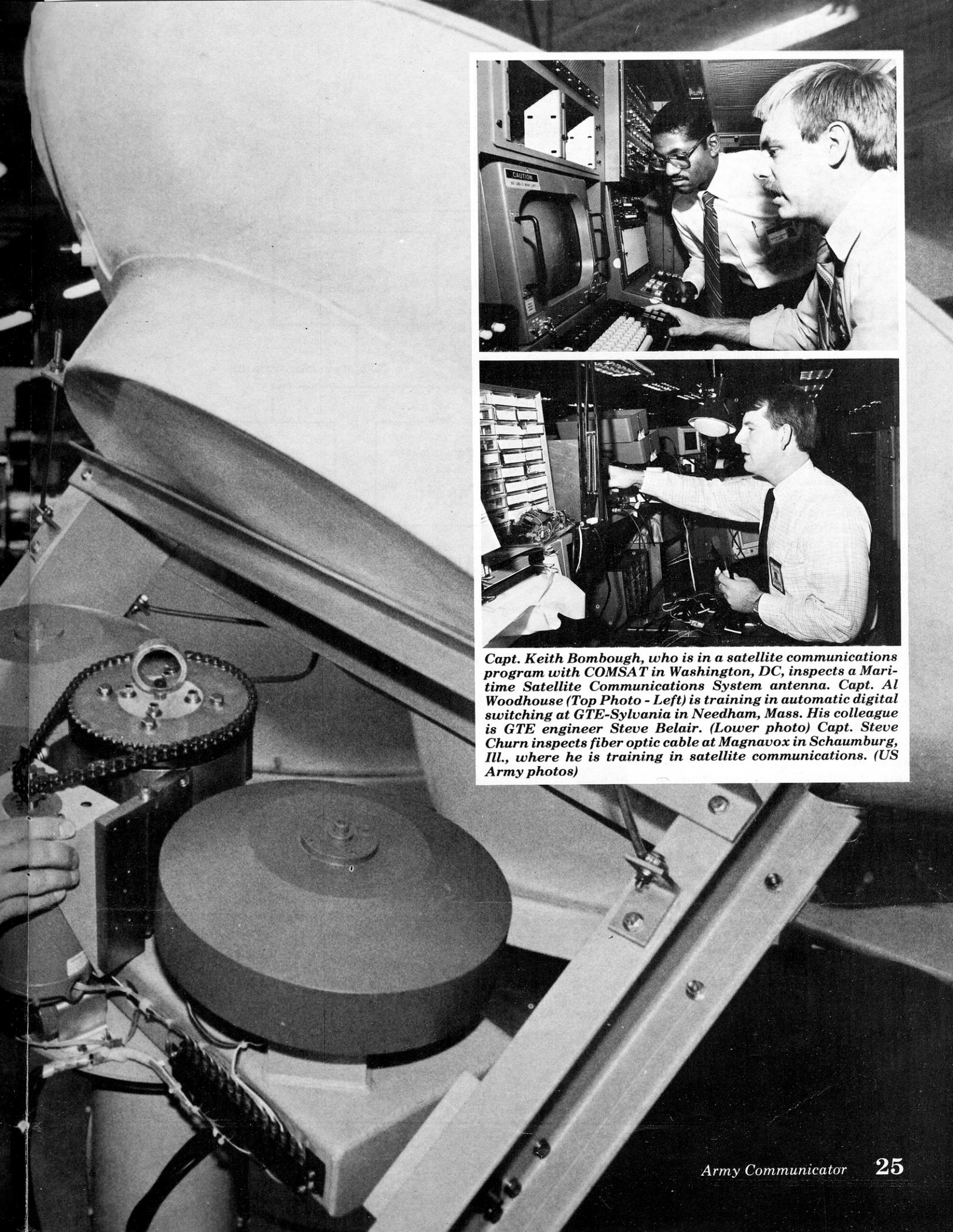


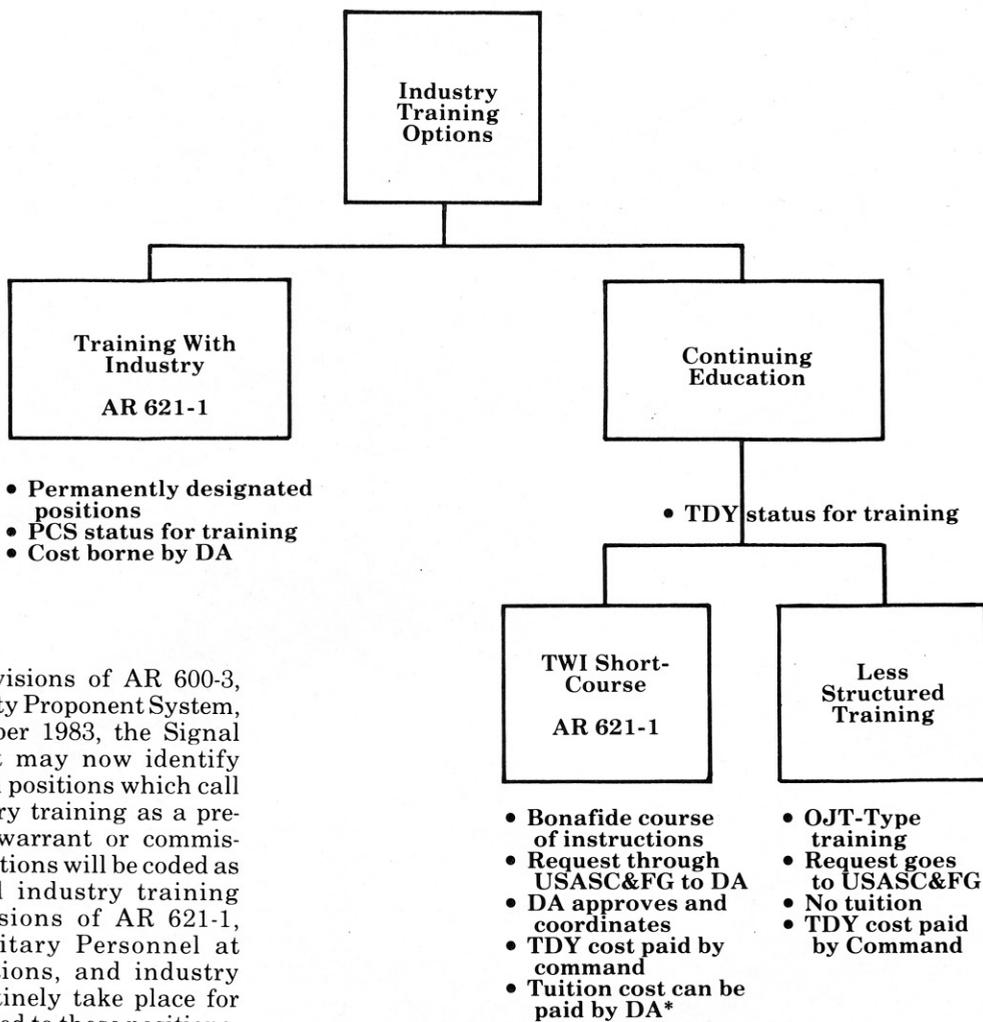
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The US Army Signal Center has been training in cooperation with civilian industry for 18 months under the Signal Center-initiated Development Through Industry Program. The goal of this program has been to strengthen the technical proficiency of the Officer Corps, to reduce the technological lag between the Signal Corps and the civilian industries "driving the train" in high technology, and to provide for continuing professional growth. Under the Development Through Industry Program, selected Signal officers in the Signal Officer Advanced Course were sent to a participating industry to undergo a 9-month training program in such topics as satellite communications, automatic switching, or HF radio as part of their Advanced Course. But the Signal Center has terminated this program, and the last participants will complete training in July 1984. However, a new program has replaced the old.

Training with industry



Capt. Keith Bombough, who is in a satellite communications program with COMSAT in Washington, DC, inspects a Maritime Satellite Communications System antenna. Capt. Al Woodhouse (Top Photo - Left) is training in automatic digital switching at GTE-Sylvania in Needham, Mass. His colleague is GTE engineer Steve Belair. (Lower photo) Capt. Steve Churn inspects fiber optic cable at Magnavox in Schaumburg, Ill., where he is training in satellite communications. (US Army photos)



* Strong justification is required which shows a direct relation between the position the individual is holding or will hold and the course that is requested.

Figure 1.

field commander support is required for the continuing education program, which will be driven solely by field commander needs. Lack of field support in the exercise of this vital training option will result in its termination.

Field commanders are encouraged to contact the Signal Center for further information on how they may take advantage of these two new training options by contacting the Communications-Electronics Leadership Department, AV: 780-5380/2516 or commercial (404) 791-5380/2516.

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