

CAMP ZAMA THROUGH THE YEARS....

1960s

During the 1960s, Camp Zama, along with Sagami General Depot and the hospital at Sagami-Ono, experienced increased activity as the Vietnam War escalated. Soldiers were sent here for further medical care and R&R (rest and recuperation), and Sagami General Depot was a logistical supply center for the war.

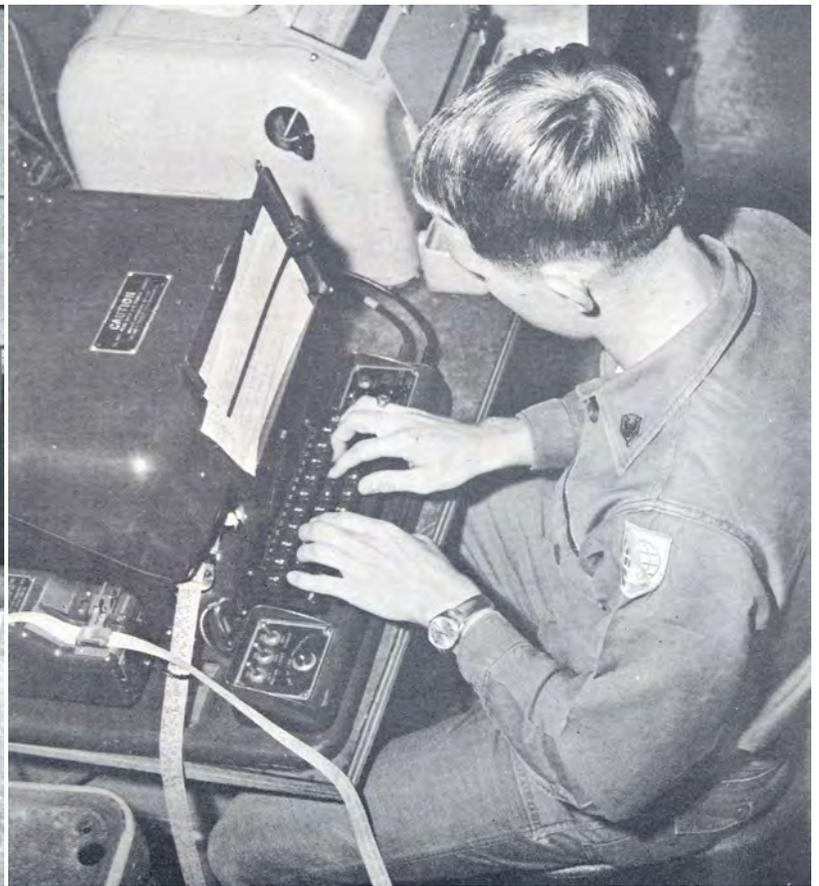
Another USARJ reorganization came September 1, 1969, when it began operating under a new structure designed to increase efficiency of operations without eliminating its existing missions or functions. The new structure incorporated four major commands plus the functions of the headquarters staff sections, commonly known as general staff, into a single system comprised of 11 directorates and the U.S. Army Medical Department Activity, Japan.



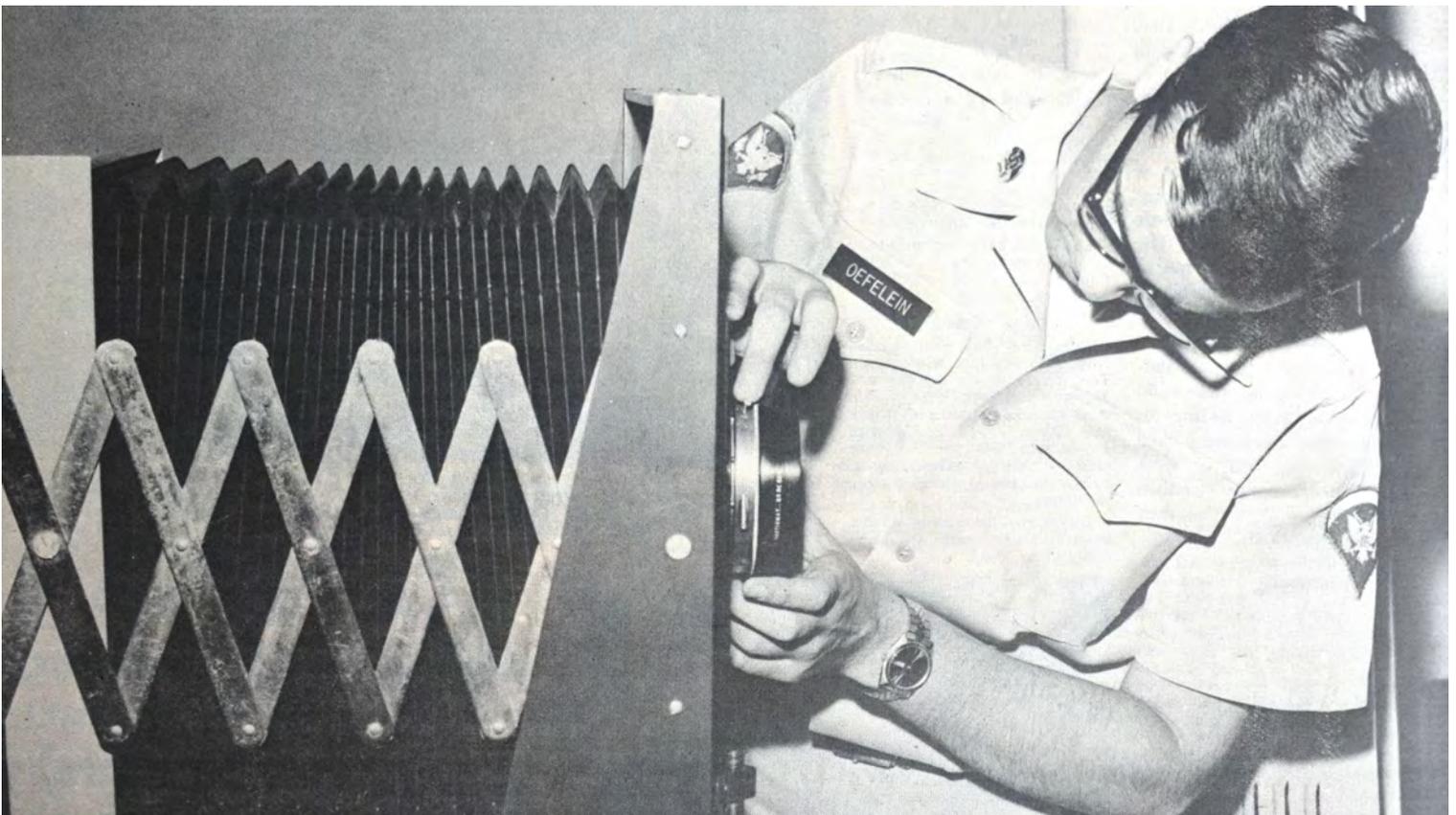
Eighteen military policemen, assigned to the 294th Military Police Company, were all promoted to the rank of Specialist 4, by Captain James Eneboe, commanding officer.



Isamu Takasugi removes a load of sheets from one of the new washer-extractors.



Specialist 4 Luther Baldridge types out a radiogram message that will be broadcast through the Military Affiliated Radio Station (MARS) network system at the U.S. Army Japan command radio station.



Specialist 5 Kenny Oefelein checks the shutter speed on the photo laboratory's copy camera. The camera is used to photograph material or other photographs for reproduction.



Customers browse through the merchandise in the display cases in the Post Exchange.



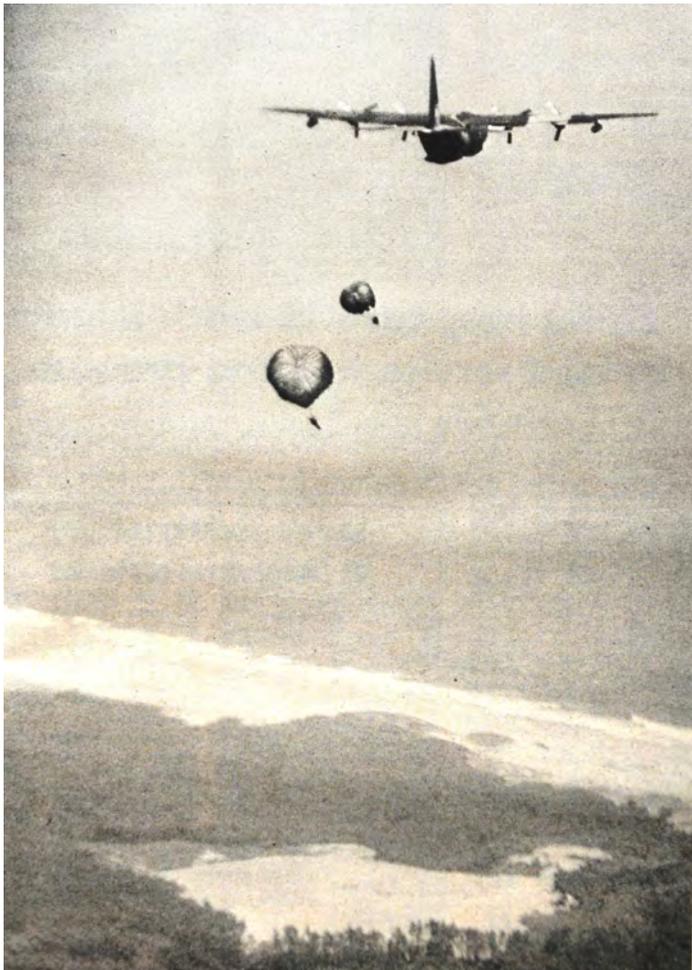
Members of the 294th Military Police Company fire the first round of a 19-gun salute as part of their ceremonial duties. Company members fire the traditional single gun salute at retreat each day.



Major Gen. John A. Goshorn launches the 1969 Overseas Combined Federal Campaign. Colonel William F. Hester is campaign manager.



Staff Sgt. Charles W. Adams guides a road grader over land at Fuchinobe Elementary School for use as a playground for the children.



Paratroopers from the 549th Quartermaster Company (Air Delivery) exit a C-130 cargo plane for annual training at Mito drop zone.



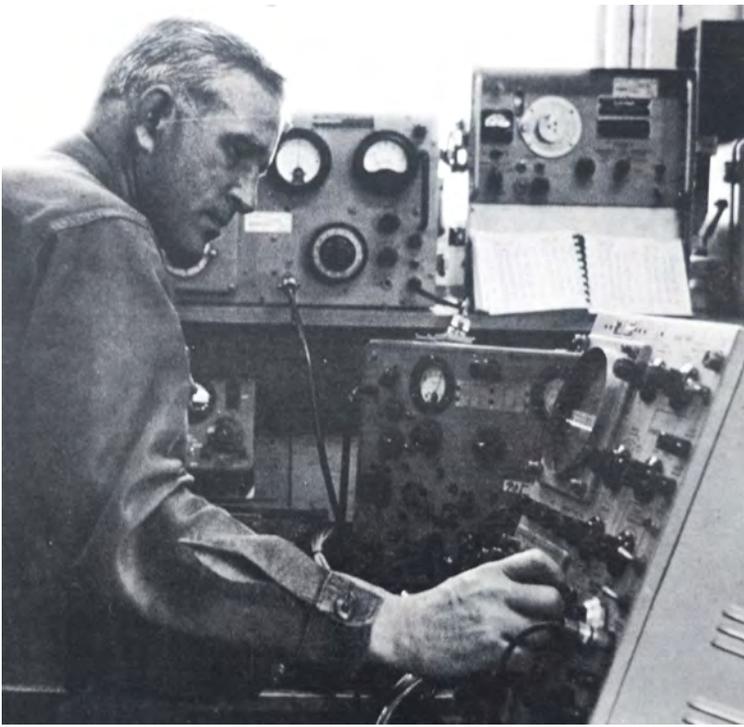
Specialist 5 W.D. Morice checks radio equipment at U.S. Hospital, Kishine, used to relay messages to Camp Zama.



Privates 1st Class Jimmy R. Glover and Willy Smith put finishing touches on their stereo amplifier they built.

Captain James S. Gourley, commanding officer, Headquarters & Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Japan, holds a youngster from Kofuen Orphanage so he can examine the giant tuba played by Specialist 5 Ray Claes, a 296th Army Band bandsman.

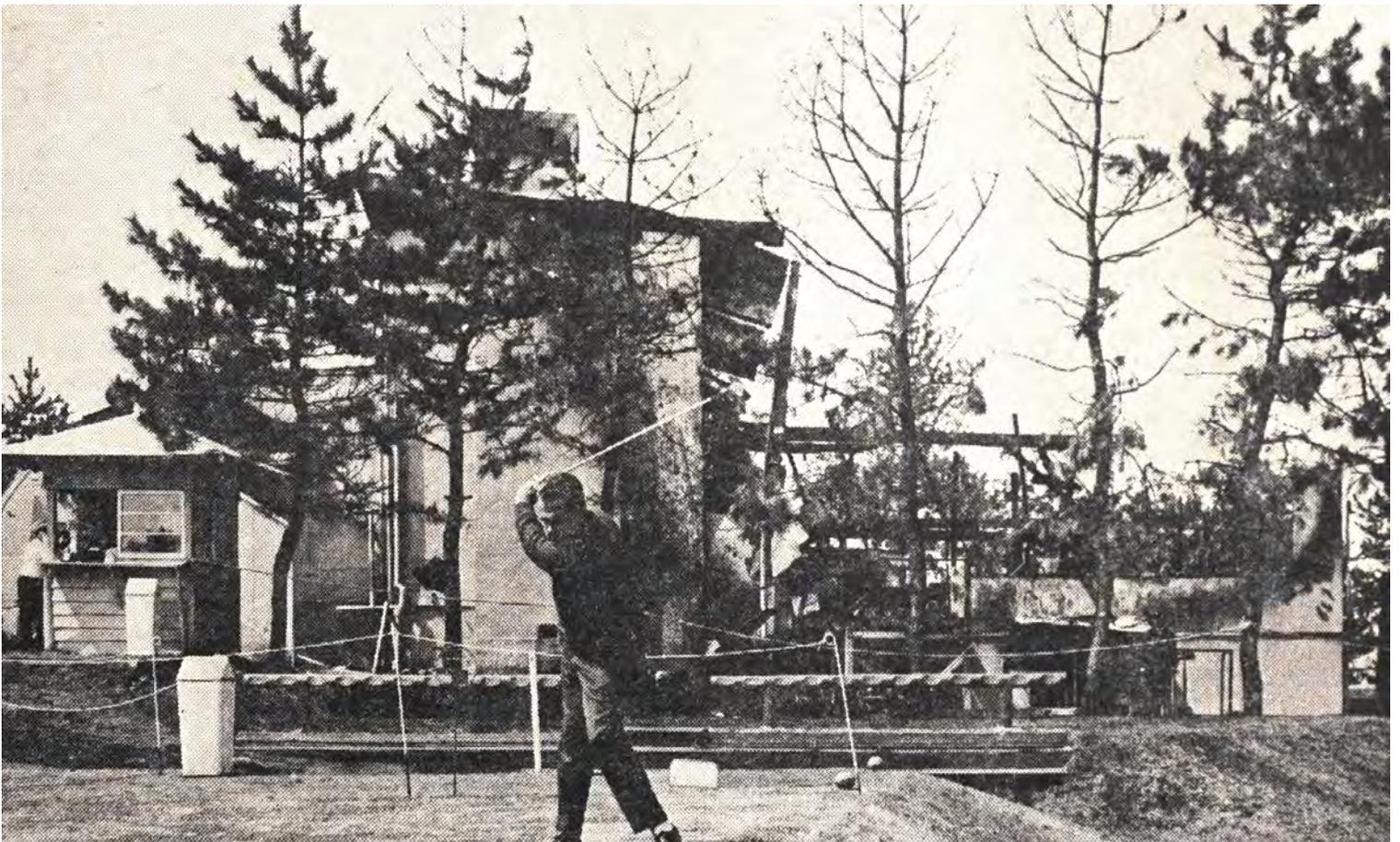




Staff Sgt. Charles R. Carder, noncommissioned officer in charge of the avionics section, checks an APX-44 transponder on an oscilloscope.



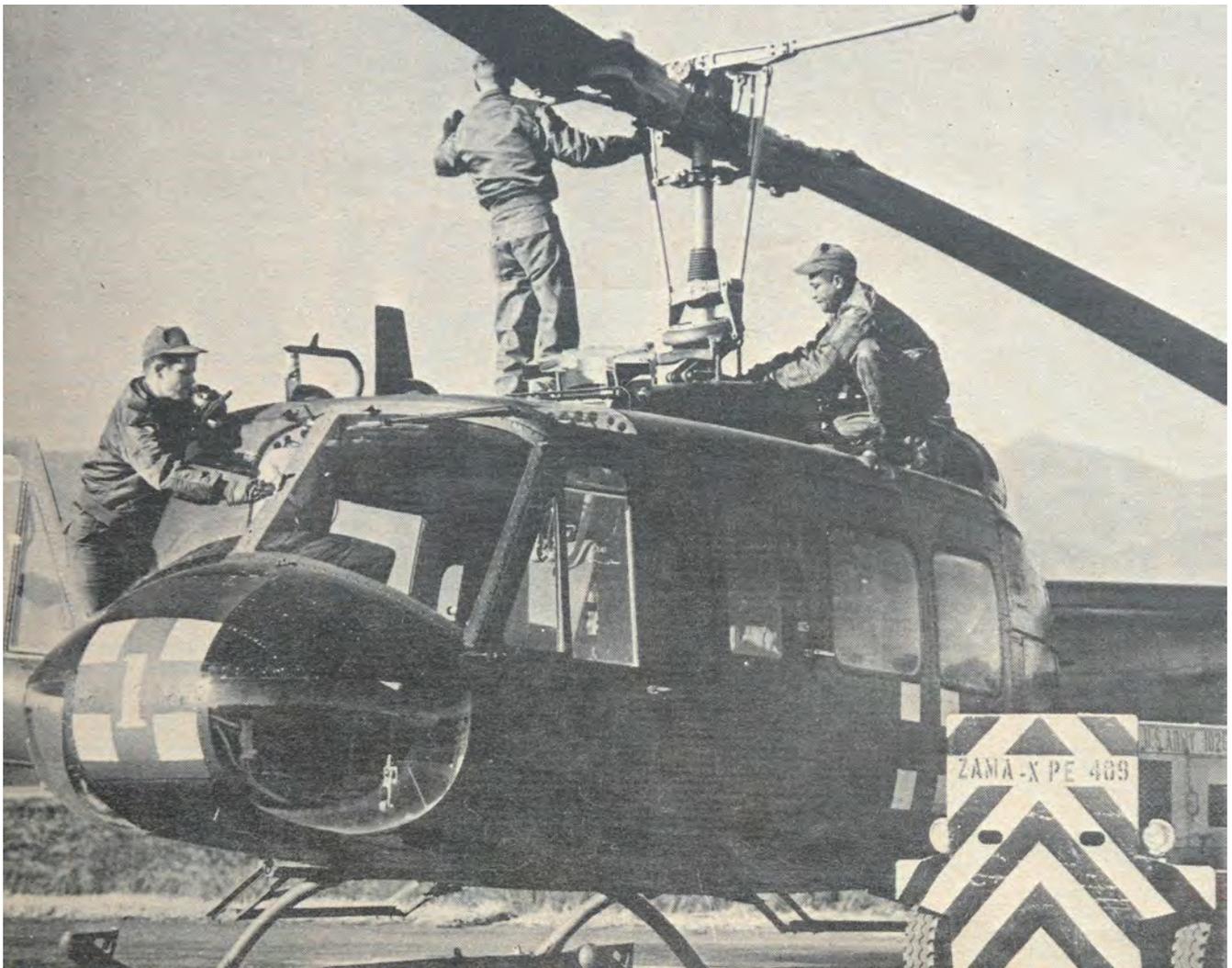
Specialist 4 David Ling feels the effects of an agent as he and other U.S. Army Japan members went through the mask confidence exercise.



A golfer tees off at the Camp Zama golf course with the gutted remains of the clubhouse lay behind him. The building was destroyed in an early morning fire April 7, 1969. The fire began in the main building and spread and leveled the club lounge, pro shop and locker area.



Colonel Roy L. Inman accompanies Maj. Gen. Lloyd E. Fellenz, outgoing U.S. Army Japan commanding general, during a sayonara honor guard ceremony upon the general's departure July 19, 1967.



Each day before medical evacuation flights begin, the helicopters are thoroughly inspected and cleaned. The crew are Specialist 5 Larry L. LaBord, flight medic, Capt. Robert W. Barrett, pilot, and Specialist 5 Walter J. Shivers, crew chief.

Specialist 4 Clarence Sasser is presented the Distinguished Service Medal by Maj. Gen. John A. Goshorn, commanding general of U.S. Army Japan, during a 1968 ceremony at Camp Zama. Sasser served only a 51-day tour of duty when on Oct. 10, 1968, while serving as a medic, rushed to the aid of injured comrades throughout an intense firefight, rallied others into action, and, though wounded, continued to treat injured across the battlefield. Due to his combat injuries he was sent to Japan and assigned to U.S. Army Japan for several months for recuperation. Near the end of his healing he was called into the hospital commander's office and was told that his Distinguished Service Medal was to be upgraded to the Medal of Honor. It was presented by President Richard Nixon during a White House ceremony on March 7, 1969.



Several members of the 549th Quartermaster Company, based at Sagami General Depot, make final checks before loading an Air Force C-130 cargo plane at Atsugi Naval Air Facility during an annual Army training test in 1969. These paratroopers were dropped on Mito drop zone about 120 miles from Tokyo. Three other C-130s also dropped equipment and supplies supporting the simulated combat bare-base deployment.



The Camp Zama Post Exchange and furniture Mart as they were in the mid-1960s.



Players abound on the Camp Zama golf course during the middle 1960s.



Building 101, housing U.S. Army Japan, as it looked in the 1960s. Note the four flagpoles. Today there are only the Japan and United States national flags and United Nations flag.



U.S. Army Japan's Steve Cooks connects against Atsugi Naval Air Station's James Allen. Cooks won.



Camp Zama firemen stand by their fire truck at the main fire station.



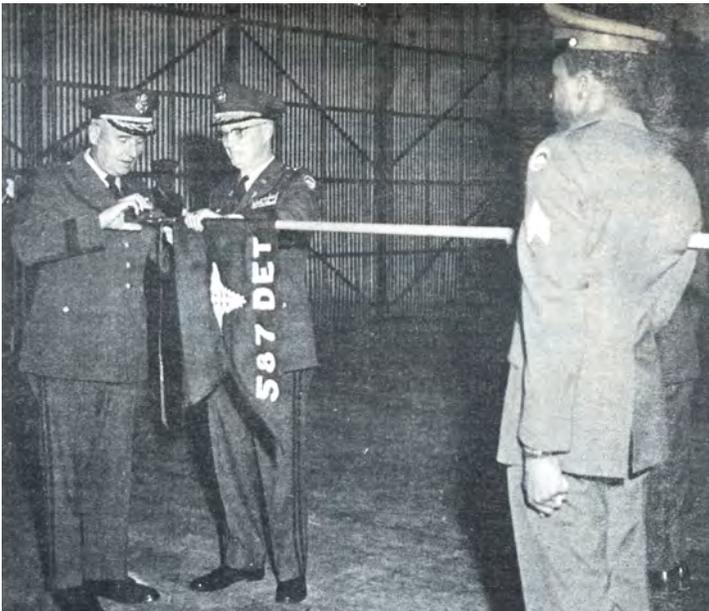
Members of Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Garrison Command, do pushups as part of a newly initiated physical training program. The training is to prepare personnel for the Army Minimum Physical Fitness Test scheduled for late April 1969.



Specialists 5 Michael J. Formati, 406th Medical Laboratory, prepares for a blood donation from Judy Daw during a May 1969 blood drive.



Sergeant William J. Walker is presented the Soldier's Medal by Maj. Gen. Lloyd E. Fellenz, U.S. Army Japan commanding general, during a spring retreat ceremony.



(Above) Major Gen. John A. Goshorn and Brig. Gen. George J. Hayes attach a meritorious unit streamer to the guidon of the 587th Medical Detachment (Helicopter Ambulance).



(Above right) Camp Zama firemen use fire hoses to wash away the snow that drifted from nearby buildings. With the aid of the firemen, shoveling details were saved many man-hours of work.



(Right) Japanese base workers in the allied trades shop work on reupholstering a sofa.



Sergeant Gus Casas and Corporals Bill McClean and Ken Minnick conduct mortar firing at Camp Fuji range.



Specialist Patricia Deka pushes the send key to send a message out via a telex machine.



One of the many information operators serving the Camp Zama area in the 1960s was Specialist 4 Ricardo Lewis.



The Otakebi Shrine wooden Torii stands picturesque during cherry blossom season.



A patron of the Service Club sits outside reading a book and enjoying the warm weather. The building was formerly a recreation center of the Imperial Japanese Army Academy. The wisteria climbing atop the pergola was planted during the Academy days and is still growing in the 21st century.



American Red Cross volunteers, Grace Peyton, Pat Taylor, Lois Martin and Ann Alexander, wrap cookies to be sent to service members serving in the Republic of Vietnam.



One of two new UH-1D 'Huey' helicopters were delivered in October 1969 to the 4th Aviation Detachment replacing the OH-23G 'Raven.'



Colonel Anna Mae Hays, chief, Army Nurse Corps, chats with Maj. Gen. John A. Goshorn and Brig. Gen. George J. Hayes during a visit.



Chief Warrant Officer John D. Ryan gives a tour of a UH-1B helicopter to 150 Zama City kindergarteners.



(Above) Kimiko Miyazaki helps Charles J. Jackson fill out a laundry and dry cleaning slip.



(Right) Specialist 4 William Redgate does an inside job on this automobile after removing the engine at the Zama Crafts Garage.



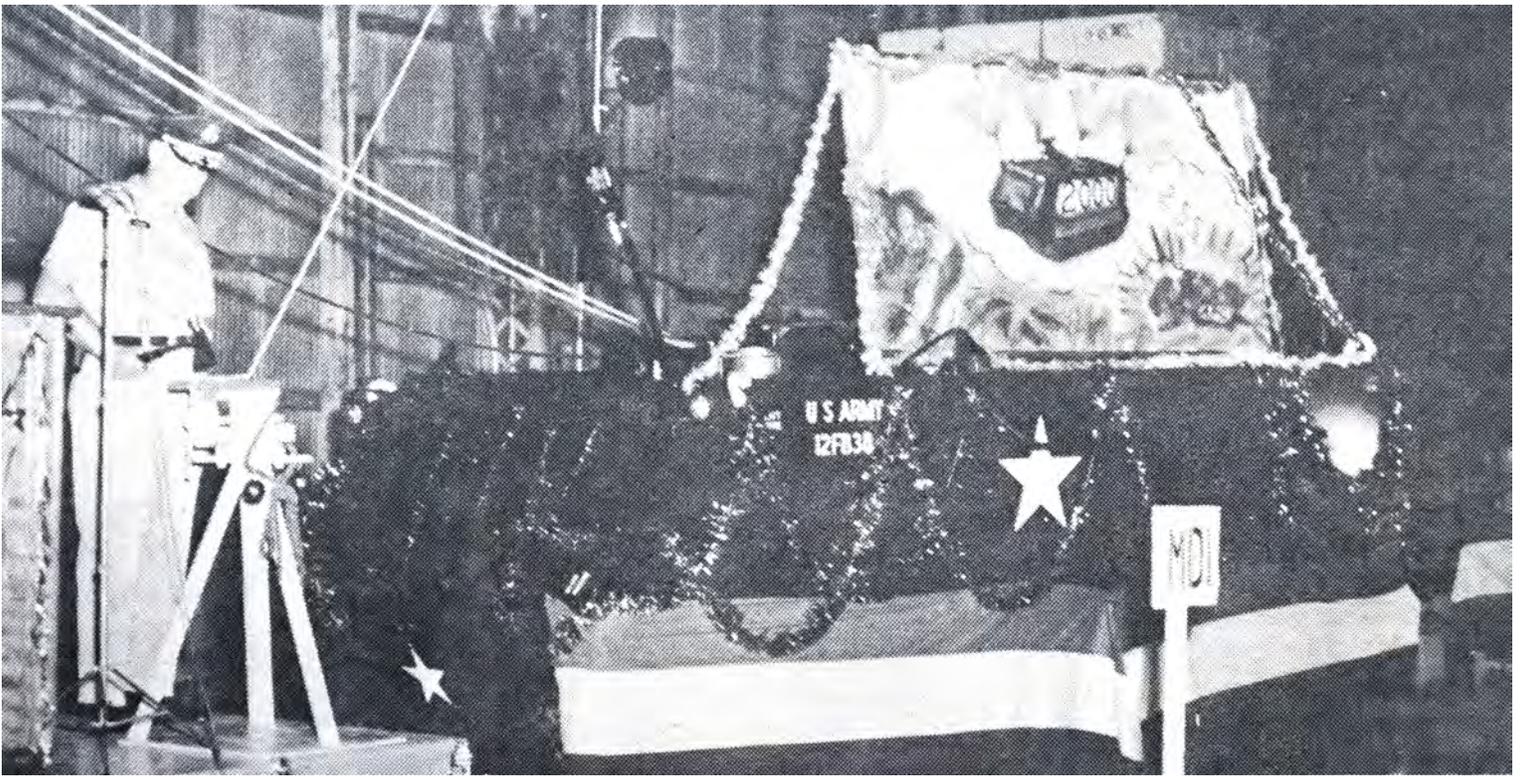
One of the barracks that stood near gate 2 in 1966.



Sergeant 1st Class Harold D. McDonald takes time out from his musical duties as a member of the 296th Army Band to dance with Zama City Mayor Bonzaburo Shikano and young Japanese schoolgirls during the second annual Japanese-American Bon Odori festival at Camp Zama in 1962.



The 296th Army Band marches down the street in front of U.S. Army Japan headquarters drumming up attention and volunteers for a May 2, 1969, blood drive.



Colonel Paul A. Simpson, U.S. Army Japan deputy commander for materiel, cuts the ceremonial ribbon in September 1969 sending the 2,000th armored personnel carrier (APC) back into service. The vehicle was overhauled in the maintenance shops division at Sagami General Depot. The overhaul program has been ongoing since 1965. The average repair cost for each APC is \$8,200 compared to more than \$30,500 for a new one.



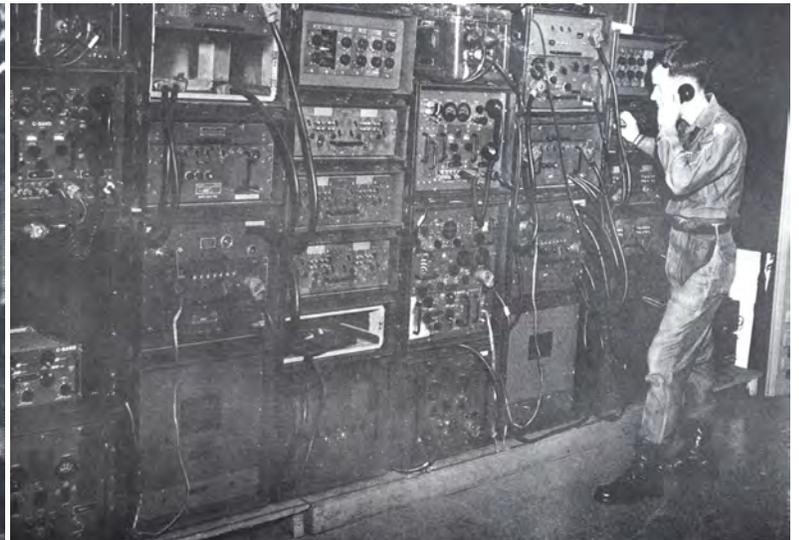
(Above) Specialist 4 Gloria A. Arriola signs one-year-old Karen A. Knisely into the Camp Zama hospital while she waits in her father's arms. Knisely became the 100,000th patient admitted to



(Right) Private 1st Class Michael L. Dupries pauses more a moment during KP duties. The 549th Quartermaster Company was living under field conditions during an annual training exercise, which meant thorough scrubbing pots and pans after each meal.



Members of U.S. Army Japan's Special Troops practice riot control techniques used Army-wide during monthly training. Here the troops practice the "wedge" formation used to disperse crowds.



(Above) Sergeant Joseph K. Beck checks radio relay equipment for telephone and teletype support.

(Left) Camp Zama's Richard Frank (21) grabs the rebound from Camp Drake's Ed Young (34). Zama upended Drake 108-86.

Teenagers line up outside the Civilian Personnel Office to apply for summer work throughout the Camp Zama community.





Major Gen. H.H. Ives, U.S. Army inspector general, watches troop training during a May 7, 1964 inspection.



Yumiko Tomizawa removes a freshly ironed shirt as another moves into the shirt presser.



Sergeant Bernard Kuprionas checks damage on a damaged sports car following an accident.



Specialist 5 Allen D. Sweeney, flight medic, checks a patient's condition during flight.



Staff Sgt. Don W. Crawford briefs Soldiers on the use of the protective mask before encountering an agent in the training gas tent.



Rest and Recuperation (R&R) Center in 1967 as wounded Soldiers move through Camp Zama for treatment for injuries sustained in Vietnam.



Private 1st Class Larry Whenrey purchases a model ship from Mary Negishi at the crafts store.



A traffic report if completed by Staff Sgt. Buddy G. Mays beside the new investigation vehicle.



The 294th Military Police Company's 1965 softball team.



The 1965 annual motor vehicle inspection.



Volunteers pack 1,600 gifts bags for wounded Soldiers.



Dancers perform at the 1969 Bon Odori festival that drew more than 20,000.



Pfc. William Ewald and Spc. 4 Richard D. Battaglioli on night patrol Feb. 2, 1966.



Command Sgt. Maj. Ted G. King addresses U.S. Army Japan sergeants major during a June 27, 1969, meeting to talk about command issues especially those affecting enlisted members.



View of the post chapel in the mid-1960s.



Aerial view of U.S. Army Japan and U.S. Army Garrison Japan buildings in the mid-1960s.