

## **HISTORY OF 969 TERRITORIAL ARMY REGT.**

### **INTRODUCTION :**

The Territorial Army is a voluntary, Part time citizen's Army, consisting of persons who are not professional soldiers but civilians eager to do their bit towards the country's defence. Although it does not offer a regular carrier, the Territorial Army provides an ideal opportunity to the youth of the country to receive military training in their spare time so that in the event of a national emergency they may be called upon to meet the needs of the country's defence and internal security. In context of 969 Railway TA, situated at Jamalpur (Bihar), it is a Departmental TA especially for Railway men, basically for operating employees.

### **ROLE :**

To relieve Regular Army of Static duties and aid to civil power in dealing with natural calamities and maintenance of essential service in situations where life of the community is affected or the security of the country is threatened and to provide support to national effort.

### **HISTORY OF 969 RLY. ENGR. REGT. TA UNIT :**

969 HQ Railway Engineer Regiment (TA) and its affiliated sub units were raised on 30<sup>th</sup> March, 1950 on their respective functional establishment. The HQ & other sub units moved to present location at Jamalpur on 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 1960 from 969 HQ Kolkata, 978 Optg.Coy./Liluah, 980 Optg.Coy Asansol, 987 E&M Coy. JMP and 995 C&M Coy. from Danapur (presently disbanded).

### **DISBANDMENT & RE-RAISING ;**

The 969 Rly. Engr. Regt. TA, Defence paid Unit was disbanded and converted into 150 Infantry Battalion (TA) Punjab under order from Govt. of India, Ministry of Defence during July, 2001.

This unit has been re-raised on 5<sup>th</sup> January, 2005 as the raising was completed on 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2005 and the present raising is a Railway Paid Regt.

### **PRESENT COMPOSITION OF 969 RLY. TA UNIT ;**

- (1) One HQ E.Rly. Emgr.Coy (TA)
- (2) Two Rly. Optg.Coy(TA) i.e. 978 and 980
- (3) One 987 Electrical & Mechanical Maintenance Coy. TA

### **TERRITORIAL ARMY TRAINING :**

Training in the TA falls into two types (a) compulsory and voluntary. Recruit Training and Annual Training are compulsory while courses of instructions at the Army School and attachment to Regular Army and TA Units are voluntary.

Every member of TA Unit shall be liable for undergoing 30 days training for Recruit camp and Annual Trg. Camp. TA officers may be allowed to split the training in Two halves.

Commanding Officer, 2<sup>nd</sup> in Command of Optg & E & M Coy. are permitted to attend their 30 days training in broken periods to supervise all batches of their Regiment or Company in broken period not less than 6 days.

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TA Group Commander in consultation with GM should chalk out a suitable programme to carry out the Annual Training of TA personnel in suitable batches. The training should be conducted, as far as possible during the slack season for Railways. The nominated officers who fail to attend the TA camps should be re-nominated in the last two camps so as to ensure that each and every TA personnel does undergo training in ATC. Minimum four (4) batches of ATC to be organized for a financial year.

**POLICY ON FUNCTIONING TA CELL AT ZONAL RLY. HQ :-**

As per the Rly. Bd's directives the Sr. Dy. General Manager on various Zonal Railways is in charge of the works pertaining to Territorial Army. Territorial Army subject should be dealt with personally at SDGM level and should not be delegated lower down. He should have a small cell attached to him and the senior most TA officer of the Railway should assist SDGM in all matters, if it is not possible to carve out man from existing cadre, suitable honorarium should be considered to man to this cell. At HQ level DGM(G) should watch sparing TA personnel in time under guidance of SDGM. In ER TA cell in being operated since 1975 a permanent post of WI/TA was created on 08.09.1982. This cell has the jurisdiction over ER, ECR & NFR.

To ensure that members of the TA units are spared in time for attending the Annual Trg. Camps. An APO should be nominated on every division to watch and co-ordinate. A list of TA list of TA personnel, Department wise and unit wise should be made available to the Branch officers concerned by the nominated APO so that close watch can be kept on sparing of the TA personnel at the level of the Departmental officers.

**PRESENT STAFF AT E.RL HQ'S TA CELL :**

- 1) Sri Rajkamal, TA JCO & In-Charge SDGM's TA Cell/HQ/ER.

In addition to above it is mentioned that since raising of Rly. Paid TA the entire expenditure is borne by the Railways and in this regard DS/SPL is looking after the entire Budget and its expenditure related to 969 TA Camp.

In absence of DGM(G), all day to day letters related to TA matters are looking after by DS(G).

**RECRUITMENT OF RLY. TA PERSONNEL :-**

Instructions issued by Rly. Board from time to time to make up the existing deficiencies in TA unit a recruitment drive should be launched in Zonal Rly.

A recruitment team comprising a senior Rly. TA officers, two Rly. TA JCOs, Adm.Officer, 2IC of Regular Army officer and a Rly. TA Doctor should be formed. This team should go and visit every division of the Rlys. The programme of recruitment should be intimated in advance to DRMs to that all staffs are advised of the dates of recruitment. This recruitment team should go round the Rly. At least twice in a year. (Ref. TA Manual para 1023 B(ii).)

**ANNUAL TRAINING CAMP :-**

Minimum four (4) batches of ATC to be organized for a financial year for period of 30 days in each camp. Besides above, newly commissioned officers are required to attend post commissioned Training for a period of 30 days within two years on grant of TA commission. In addition to above TA officers are required to pass the Departmental promotion examination i.e. the rank of Lt. Capt. & Maj. Completion of 3, 7 & 13 years service for substantive promotion.

**EMBODIMENT SERVICE RNDERED BY 969 TA REGT.**

This Regt. has the history of following service embodiment to its credit :-

<u>Ser. No</u>	<u>Period</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Name of Embodiment</u>
(a)	07 July 1960 to 04 Aug 1960	Asansol, Andal, Barkakana and Mughalsarai.	Aid to civ auth for maint Rly.
(b)	21 Nov 1962 to 31 May 1963	Alipurduar	Aux unit for the Reg. Army.
(c)	27 Aug 1963 to 11 Sep.1968	Kolkata	-do-
(d)	15 <sup>th</sup> Sep 1968 to 15 <sup>th</sup> Oct 1968	Kolkata	-do-
(e)	05 Sep 1972 to 30 Sep 1972	Kolkata	Aux unit for the Reg.Army
(f)	24 <sup>th</sup> May 1973 to 05 Jul 1973	Kolkata	-do-
(g)	04 Dec 1973 to 10 March 1974	Kota	-do-
(h)	17 Jul 1980 to 26 Dec 1980	Katni,Chandigarh,Moradabad	-do-
(i)	16 Apr 1989 to 26 Apr 1989	Jamalpur	Aid to Port/DK Vizak
(j)	17 Aug 1989 to 02 Sep 1989	Jamalpur	Aid to Rly.in E.Rly.
(k)	15 Jan 2000 to 29 Jan2000	Kolkata	Aid to civ auth (Kolkata Port Trust workers strike)
(l)	24 Sep 2000 to 24 Nov 2000	Bandel-Katwa Sec.Mandarhil Bhagalpur	Flood Restoration under DRM/HWH & DRM/MLDT.

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**SUMMARISED STRENGTH UNDER 969 RLY ENGRS REGT9TA0/JMP AS ON 01.06.2010.**

<u>Company</u>	<u>Offrs</u>	<u>JCOs</u>	<u>Ors</u>
	<b>Auth</b>	<b>Auth</b>	<b>Auth</b>
969 HQ Coy.	06	07	
978 Rly.Optg.Coy	05	13	362
980 Rly. Optg.Coy	05	13	362
987 Rly .E & M Coy	07	13	302
<b>Total</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>1081</b>