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1. On 17 April 1954, source learned that the Prenzlau Division consisted of the following units: Division Hq, headquarters units, rear services, signal battalion and reconnaissance battalion, totaling about 1,100 troops; 1st Rifle Regt in Pinnow, numbering about 1,500 troops; 2d Rifle Regt in Prenzlau, numbering about 1,600 troops; 3d Rifle Regt in Droegeheide, numbering about 1,400 troops; 4th artillery regiment, AT battalion, AAA battalion in Droegeheide, totaling about 1,150 troops; and the Tank Regt in Droegeheide, numbering about 500 troops. Until 28 April, these strength figures remained fairly constant. No information was available on the strength of the engineer battalion in Fuenfeichen. During the period under review elements of the above units were absent from their posts for field training. For that reason the figures given above are incomplete.
2. Over Whitsuntide, 50 percent of the personnel were to go on furlough. Recruits who had been on furlough at Easter for the first time were to recruit new KVP candidates in their home towns. Extra leave was promised as reward for successful recruiting activity.
3. former Field Marshal Paulus has, allegedly, been an advisor at the KVP officer candidate school in Dresden for some time.
4. Between 21 and 29 April 1954, several KVP companies were seen nearly every day marching from the Fliegerhorst Kaserne Prenzlau to the training grounds near the sand- and gravel pit and to the "Kleine Heide" target range. Each company was equipped with three light mortars as well as carbines, submachine guns and light machine guns.
5. On 9 April, it appeared that the barracks installation in Droegeheide was occupied to capacity by KVP. Heavy infantry and artillery training was observed inside the barracks area and its vicinity. Several 76-mm and 122-mm guns were parked in front of the ordnance shop. Weapons and equipment were stored in the engine area.
6. On 19 April, 25 recruits arrived at Fuenfeichen in civilian clothing a few days before, were issued uniforms and assigned to the two engineers battalions. Approximately 50 portonoes were stored in the northern sector of the military installations in Fuenfeichen. Portonoes were engaged.
7. Between 13 April and 2 May, the engineer units in Fuenfeichen were engaged in demolition training and exercises on Tollense-See (Tollense Lake). Portonoes were used for the water exercises.

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