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REMARKS This is UNEVALUATED Information		

1. The ration strength of Division Prenzlaw on 10 and 13 September 1954 included the division headquarters, a signal battalion, a reconnaissance battalion, several headquarters units, and 12 Soviet advisers, totalling 177 officers and 926 NCOs and men; the 1st Inf Regt Pinnow had 1,400 officers, NCOs and men; the 2d Inf Regt Pinnow had 204 officers and 1,405 NCOs and men; the 3d Inf Regt Droegeheide had 1,360 officers, NCOs and men; the artillery regiment, the AAA battalion and the AT battalion Droegeheide had 1,100 officers, NCOs and men; and the medium tank regiment Droegeheide had 460 officers, NCOs and men.<sup>1</sup>
2. In early September, the following KVP officers were known to hold the following assignments; (first names unknown)  
Artillery Regiment Droegeheide. Lieutenant Colonel Kusch, commanding officer; Captain Gierige, political officer; Captain Hanisch, deputy commander in charge of supply affairs.  
3d Inf Regt Droegeheide. Lieutenant Colonel Walter, commanding officer; Major Scheube, political officer; Senior Lieutenant Schulz, deputy commander in charge of supply affairs; and Lieutenant Legler, supply officer.  
Tank Regiment Droegeheide. Lieutenant Colonel Wedde, commanding officer.  
1st Inf Regt Pinnow. Lieutenant Colonel Roes, commanding officer; and Captain Reinhard, political officer.
3. After completion of the fall inspections, the discharge program started in early October or mid-October. Dischargees of the 2d Inf Regt included about 200 NCOs and men who had served for three years. No officers were released. On 24 September, Lieutenant Colonel Sommer (fnu), chief of staff of the division, gave a speech and asked all dischargees to reenlist. Between 1 and 23 September, 155 recruits were inducted into the 2d Infantry Regiment Prenzlaw. Seventy percent of the recruits came from Mecklenburg, and 30 percent came from Berlin and its vicinity. Most of the recruits were members of the FDJ. Since no more recruits were to be assigned to the 2d Inf Regt, other replacements will be attached to other units of the division.<sup>2</sup>
4. On 11 September, the 2d Inf Regt received 10 new ZIS trucks from Aschersleben. On 17 September, 44 new ZIS 3 1/2-ton trucks were consigned by the Aschersleben Plant to the 1st Inf Regt Pinnow. On 25 September, 10 motor vehicle drivers of the 2d Inf Regt were detached to Aschersleben to take over the new vehicles.<sup>3</sup>

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5. On 29 August, the 2d Bn of the 2d Inf Regt together with the engineer company of the regiment practiced stream-crossing on the Uecker River. Since more than 60 percent of KVPs of the 2d Inf Regt were detached for harvest in the Prenzlau district, between 1 and 10 September, the scheduled field exercises and a regular training could not be conducted. Between 13 and 17 September, a field exercise was held at Schorfheide Heath in the area of Gross Schoenebeck north of Berlin. KVP units participating included the division headquarters, the headquarters of the artillery regiment and tank regiment, and the 1st Inf Regt and 2d Inf Regt. The total strength was about 1,800 KVPs. Subject of training was the employment of a regiment in attack and defense with each regiment alternately representing the enemy. Since the fall inspections were held in the posts, no large field exercises will be conducted by units of Infantry Division Prenzlau prior to early October. The inspection included training and interior duty.<sup>4</sup> 25X1
6. The term "fall inspection" not only includes inspection of training and interior duty, but also field exercises. Thus, the maneuver held at Schorfheide Heath between 13 and 17 September was a part of the fall inspection. In 1953, officers of the Ministry of Interior inspected the field exercises but the present inspection was held by the division headquarters.<sup>4</sup> 25X1
1. Comment. The report indicates that the ration strength is about 7,000 KVPs. Since the Engineer Battalion Fuenfeichen, personnel on furlough, detached personnel or other personnel absent from the post have not been mentioned and the actual strength of the division is higher. 25X1
2. Comment. Since some of the discharges probably will reenlist, the number of discharges and recruits of the 2d Inf Regt will be about even.
3. Comment. The trucks probably came from the USSR and were provided with a new superstructure at Aschersleben.
4. Comment. It cannot be determined that large-scale field exercises or maneuvers will be conducted in October 1954. According to the report such field exercises would also be a part of the fall inspection.

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