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COUNTRY	East Germany	SECURITY INFORMATION	REPORT
TOPIC	Information on the KVP Units in Prenzlau		
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1. On 19 September 1953, KVP units stationed in Prenzlau had the following ration strength:

<u>Hq Units of the Division</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>NCOs and EM</u>
Headquarters	94	42
Soviet advisers	14	5 drivers
School	9	69
Headquarters company	4	69
Chemical warfare detachment	1	25
POL section	6	55
Motor vehicle repair section	7	58
Hospital	-	80
D-1 Unit (Signal battalion and motor transport school)	34	360
<u>2 A Demando (Unit Muentzer)</u>		
Regimental headquarters Muentzer	44	27
1st Battalion	37	301
2d Battalion	31	296
3d Battalion	33	314
S-1 Unit	5	28

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S-2 Unit	5	38
S-3 Unit	6	47
S-4 Unit	4	39
S-5 Unit	1	23
S-6 Unit	3	41
S-7 Unit	5	28
Motor transport company	7	53
Headquarters platoon	-	13
Chemical warfare platoon	-	6
Dispensary	-	17
Military prison	-	15
Military band	1	8
Tailor and shoemaker shop	-	15 1

2. On 15 September, the KVP Verband Prora was released by VP Bereitschaft Eggesin. 2
3. Between 10 and 21 September, the VP Verband Prenzlau detached a number of particularly qualified and experienced officers to the USSR for study on war academies of the Red Army. Depending on their branches of service the officers are scheduled to study from 1 to 5 years in the USSR. Further officers were to be detached to the USSR in the days following 21 September. 3
4. Between 5 and 21 September, advanced combat practice firing was held by the artillery units of the Verband in the Kleine Heide (Heath) near Prenzlau. Between 15 and 25 September, exercises at battalion level were held in the Torgelow area (Droegheide). The infantry units involved fired with live ammunition. Large-scale fall maneuvers involving the entire KVP Verband are not scheduled for this year. 4

1. Comment: These data indicate that the strength figures of the [redacted] division headquarters and its attached units including the signal battalion have changed only immaterially after 25 August 1953. On the other hand, the personnel strength of the 2d Inf Kommando in Prenzlau decreased by 233 men. It is not clear, whether the reported decrease in the ration strength also reflects a corresponding decrease in the personnel strength, because there is a possibility that component units of the infantry Kommando were engaged in exercises and thus drew their rations from another unit. 50X1-HUM

2. Comment: This agrees with previous information [redacted] 50X1-HUM  
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3.  Comment. Since several years VP officers have been dispatched in the fall to the USSR for study on military academies. Generally the courses attended by these officers last 1 year. 50X1-HUM

4.  Comment.  large-scale fall maneuvers by the component units of Armeegruppe Nord were intended. It appears, however, that these plans were canceled because major elements of Armeegruppe Nord were employed in East Berlin and because a reorganization of the KVP was started in September. 50X1-HUM

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