

Crystal Eagle getting closer: equipment on the way! (Video)

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It took five days for the first bulk of equipment to reach the destination in Denmark! From 26 to 28 March 2012, soldiers of the Headquarters Command Support Brigade, Polish 100th Signal Battalion and German 610th Signal Battalion loaded the wagons with tons of equipment and prepared them for proper transportation. Shortly after the locomotive's whistle, staff responsible for reloading headed off towards Denmark to arrive on place on 2 April 2012 and to take the load over.□

Crystal Eagle 2012, with the participation of approximately 1,200 people, is going to be a huge challenge also in terms of logistics understood in broad terms. In order to establish and run the Headquarters main and tactical command posts in Denmark, loads of specialist equipment but also office materials need to be transported from Germany and Poland to Denmark; most of it – by rail, in two main stages. The remaining part of the equipment will reach Denmark by road transport.

On 28 March 2012, after three days of careful loading, almost fifty military vehicles of different kind, both German and Polish, left a military siding near Jägerbrück in Germany on wagons. The loading process was conducted by a German-Polish team under the command of Captain David Stasch from 610th Signal Battalion. From the Polish side Captain Łukasz Lisiecki from

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HQ CSB and Lieutenant Mateusz Grabowicz from 100th Signal Battalion served as leading officers.

Terrain vehicles, transportation vehicles, 5-ton cabins, apparatus stations and other items of equipment were on the check-list on 28 March. They will be used to form the Headquarters Main Command Post, the establishment of which will start after Easter. Also in the middle of April, the second part of equipment, this time for a tactical command post, will arrive in Denmark by rail. The complimentary vehicles will also reach Denmark by road transport in several parts. Afterwards, when the personnel of Command Support Brigade and its Battalions establish proper working conditions and communication lines, Crystal Eagle 2012 will officially be launched.

To make sure the relocation of the equipment goes smoothly, from 5 to 8 March 2012, soldiers of the CSB HQ, 100th Signal Battalion, 104th Support Battalion and 610th Signal Battalion participated in a common training. Right there, at the military siding near Jägerbrück, the soldiers learned about the procedures and security measures, decided upon communication signals and tested them in practice when loading on wagons sample vehicles of each kind.

How important and demanding Crystal Eagle is for the Command Support Brigade proves the fact that most personnel of the CSB HQ and Battalions have intensively been involved in the preparations lasting several months. First personnel have already arrived in Denmark, others will join soon.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8V1AU8Bq2AY>

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