

Final preparations for Little Eagle 1 exercise

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The Concert Grand 1/2011 exercise was conducted in Baltic Barracks from 7 to 13 March 2011 in order to prepare the Command Support Brigade (CSB) for the upcoming Multinational Corps Northeast (MNC NE) Little Eagle 1 exercise.

About 100 military and civilian personnel and more than 40 vehicles from Command Support Brigade (CSB) and its subordinated units took part in the exercise, which was a prelude to the upcoming training event Little Eagle 1. Each subordinated unit was responsible for some specific duties, e.g. the 610th Signal Battalion prepared working space for staff, built a telephone network and installed the Command, Control and Information System (C2IS) Szafran and other functional systems on the working stations. The 100th Signal Battalion was responsible for establishing and running the local connection. Tasks of the 104th Support Battalion encompassed accommodation, messing and providing security inside the Barracks whereas the Headquarters Company (HQ Coy) among other things was responsible for protecting the area of exercise.

The coordination of tasks performed by all personnel participating in that exercise was supervised by Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Griebhammer from G6 Staff Division of MNC NE, who was the Officer of Primary Responsibility (OPR) for this exercise. *"All presumptions of exercise Concert Grand have been realised without any problems,"* said Major Sebastian Trojanowski, Chief of S6 Communications Branch of CSB. *"All personnel belonging to CSB and its subordinated units improve their knowledge and cooperate with each other at all levels during such exercises. It is also a great opportunity for*

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them to meet colleagues from other units. They already know each other from previous exercises so cooperation between them is not only based on duty, but also on friendly relations”.

As a matter of fact, Concert Grand was not the first opportunity for Major Sebastian Trojanowski and his colleagues to train together with the MNC NE personnel. As a platoon leader from 100th Signal Battalion, he had that possibility already in 2003. Also in 2005, during the Corps' Full Operational Capability (FOC) test, he was the Chief of Command Forward Element.

Concert Grand was the final preparation step for the Little Eagle 1 exercise, the first big MNC NE training event planned for this year.