



Air Transport to the Emir

On the 13th of December, 2011, the first Zeppelin-Shelter for the Mobile Field Hospital, which was ordered from ZMS to be delivered to Qatar, were loaded at Bodensee-Airport Friedrichshafen onto the McDonnell Douglas C-17 "Globemaster" transport aircraft of the Qatar Emiri Air Force.

The Mobile Field Hospital was required for a meeting between the medical services of the member states of the Gulf Cooperation Council that was held at the end of December. This organisation, to which Bahrain, Qatar, Kuwait, Oman, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates belong, is intended to promote peace and security, as well as to support the economic integration of the member states.



Despite the enormous carrying capacity of the C-17 – the cargo hold is, after all, 26 metres long, 5.5 metres wide and 4 metres high – a total of six flights were necessary in order to transport the mobile field hospital, comprising 16 Zeppelin-Shelter and 11 tents and weighing almost 100 tonnes, over a distance of around 5,000 kilometres to the State of Qatar between the 13th and the 26th of December, 2011.

Two C-17 transport aircraft were, at times, simultaneously located at the airport in Friedrichshafen.



The Mobile Field Hospital is equipped with all the necessary medical facilities of a stationary clinic, ranging from emergency hospitalisation to examination and operation units, intensive care, X-ray, laboratory or inpatient wards, right up to a complete infrastructure system (power supply, water supply, kitchen, sanitary etc.).



ZMS usually delivers its Mobile Systems via sea route on journeys over such great distances. However, due to the extremely tight production timeframe associated with this special order (the mobile field hospital was ordered on short notice in September 2011), a different method of transport was required:

Without further ado, the Emir of Qatar sent his two enormous airfreighters to Friedrichshafen.

As soon as the last transport aircraft set off to Dohar, a team of experts from ZMS also set off on a journey "into the desert" in order to provide the buyers with on-site commissioning support and training.

The ZMS team of experts on site (from left to right):

Nicole Kaiser-Jäger, Andre Klein, Jean Claude Jourdy, Karl Vogler, Eugen Klein, Claus Emser, Siegfried Hamm, Alexander Lutz.

