The Lancieri di Montebello at Capo Teulada: realistic training and operational readiness serving the Italian Army

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From **November 6 to December 12**, the **Reggimento Lancieri di Montebello** conducted an **intense and structured training cycle** at the **Capo Teulada range**, one of the **most important training complexes of the Italian Army**. A prolonged period on the ground, designed to **strengthen the reconnaissance capabilities** of the unit and **validate its operational readiness** in **high-intensity scenarios**, where decision-making speed, coordination, and physical endurance are determining factors.

The activities involved **three armored reconnaissance squadrons**, initially engaged in **day and night live-fire reconnaissance patrols** over **large areas of terrain**. The training scenarios, characterized by **high tactical fluidity** and **continuous maneuvering**, allowed the "Verdi Lancieri" to refine **procedures, interoperability, and command capabilities**, central

elements for units called to operate **on the front line** in reconnaissance and security missions. The training, conducted with intense rhythms and high standards, confirmed how the **professionalism of the personnel** represents one of the main strengths of the Italian Army.

Alongside the technical aspect, the cycle also significantly impacted the **human and professional dimension** of the soldiers. Operating for weeks in a **realistic and complex environment** strengthened **cohesion, discipline, and esprit de corps**, foundational values that have always distinguished the units of the Cavalry Arm.

From patrol to tactical group: integration, command, and realism

As activities progressed, the training saw a **gradual increase in complexity**. The units transitioned from deployment in **reconnaissance detachments** to conducting a **live-fire tactical group exercise**, in which **maneuvers, support, and command functions** were integrated into a **unified and coherent operational framework**. This transition allowed for the verification not only of the capabilities of individual squadrons but also the **effectiveness of decision-making processes** and **command and control** in dynamic and high-pressure contexts.

Of particular note was the activity conducted at the **CAT – Tactical Training Center**, where **live simulation systems with opposing forces** were employed. The confrontation with a **real enemy on the ground**, complemented by fixed and knockdown targets, allowed for the recreation of **highly realistic combat situations**, enhancing reaction capability and **post-action analysis**. The integration between **real and simulated training** thus confirms itself as an essential tool for preparing units for **contemporary operational challenges**.

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To ensure the necessary coordination, a **task organization** was deployed as a **tactical group command**, with **main and alternate command posts**, operating in conditions as close as possible to operational reality. The contribution of the **Command and Logistic Support Squadron** was fundamental, whose platoons – **transport and materials, health, commissariat, and C3** – ensured **continuous and timely support**, demonstrating the high level of integration between the operational and logistical components of the Italian Army.

Numbers, logistics, and strategic value of the training

The **quantitative data** of the training cycle provide an **objective measure of the effort sustained**. The regiment's vehicles covered **over 38,000 kilometers in total**, totaling **576 hours of operation** of combat vehicles. A prolonged and intense deployment, made possible by an **efficient and highly professional logistical apparatus**.

The logistical components of the regiment operated continuously, ensuring the **efficiency and safety of the vehicles** through **preventive and corrective maintenance** activities conducted before and during the **field exercise**. A work often away from the spotlight, but **crucial for the success of operations** and for the protection of personnel.

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Overall, **distances covered, hours of vehicle use, and day and night activities** testify to the **centrality of realistic and continuous training** in maintaining **high operational readiness** of reconnaissance units. The experience gained at Capo Teulada once again confirms how the **Italian Army** invests with determination in the **quality of training**, the **professionalism of its soldiers**, and the ability to face, with competence and credibility, the **present and future operational challenges**.

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