



The Special Forces of the 4th Recover a Plaque Engraved by the Alpini in 1917

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A plaque engraved in **1917** by the Alpini of the **103rd Company of the “Aosta” Battalion** was recovered on **Monte Pasubio**, under the **Cresta dei Sogi** (Municipality of Vallarsa), following a targeted operation conducted by a unit of the **1st Company “Monte Cervino”** of the **4th Alpini Paratroopers Regiment**, a special forces unit of the Italian Army under the direct command of the **COMFOSE (Army Special Forces Command)**.

The intervention, authorized by the **Superintendency for Cultural Heritage and Activities of Trento**, allowed for the safeguarding of a historical artifact linked to the operations of the alpine troops on the Italian-Austrian front during the **First World War**.

A Testimony of Over 100 Years

According to reports by *Giornale di Vicenza* by Giovanni M. Filosofo, the plaque bears the engraving of the **103rd Company**, then part of the **“Monte Cervino” Battalion**, established in **1915** and largely composed of Valdostan Alpini from the **133rd Company** of the **“Aosta” Battalion**, with subsequent integration of the **87th** and the **103rd**.

The unit initially operated in the **Monte Bisorte** sector and the **Folgaria** plateau, distinguishing itself in battles against the Austro-Hungarian offensive. It was later transferred to **Pasubio**, where it took part in the defense of the massif, one of the most critical points of the Italian front.

Discovery and Recovery

The plaque was identified about a year ago in a **ravine below the fortification path**, near the area of the so-called **“Villaggio Cervino”**, an alpine post from 1917. Presumably, the artifact fell post-war due to **weather conditions** or **land movements**.

The personnel of the **1st Company “Monte Cervino”** set up a **hoist system** to lift the artifact, weighing about **80 kg**, up the ravine to the path. Subsequently, the plaque was carried on a **tactical stretcher**, with over **four hours of movement on rough terrain**.

Collaborations and Next Destination

The operations involved, as collaborators and observers, **Eng. Roberto Greselin**, author of the book *“Saving Memory – Pasubio 1915-1918”*, and **Dr. Lucia Ongaro**, from the **Italian War History Museum** (MiTaG) in Rovereto, contributing to historical documentation and relations with the Superintendency.

The plaque, now cleaned, will be delivered to the **MiTAg**, where it will be preserved and displayed to the public, as a testimony of the Alpini's contribution to operations on Pasubio during the first world conflict.

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