

## **6. THEMATIC WALK - The Cold**

The first and common enemy to face day and night during the war in Marmolada was the too low temperature, impossible to defeat: into the shacks there were some wood stoves, but outside, into the trenches on the first line the only way to repair themselves was wearing the uniform and every piece of provided clothes and try not to die. Sometimes the vedettes wore some civil clothes under the official uniform, but it was completely useless: the temperature (-30°), the wind and the humidity were too inhuman and their equipment completely inadequate.

Moreover, the huge amount of snow was the biggest obstacle for the most of the movements: because of sudden snowfall, several soldiers had been blocked and isolated for days. Avalanches were instead a real danger: on 13th December 1916 the biggest avalanche of those years of war entombed 300 men in one night.

### **QUESTIONS:**

1. Make a list with all the symptoms caused by the cold on a human being.
2. Why is the cold defined the „first and common enemy to face“?
3. Which is the lowest temperature you faced with? And which is the lowest temperature in Marmolada?
4. What did the soldiers need to really warm them up?