

Name: Jean Henri Vimal Du Monteil

Born: 21 Nov 1889, Bort, Correze

Attended College at Notre Dame de Mongre.

Jesuit Scholastique (novice) – studied at Maison St Louis in Jersey

Parents Pierre Francois Vimal du Monteil and Josephine Marie Therese Forsse

Brother of Maurice Marie Joseph Vimal du Monteil who was also a Jesuit Scholastic that MPLF 28 Aug 1914

Service: Sous-Lieutenant 169e RI (Regiment d'Infanterie) & Aviateur Pilote 2e GA (Groupe d'Aviation)

Matricule au recrutement #155, Tulle, Correze, Class 1909

Rejoined the 100th IR as sergnet-major (reserve) Promoted to second lieutenant April 1916 in the 169th RI Wounded at Apremont, Verdun Aug 1916 and at Mont-Haut Apr 1917 Went to the Crotoy aviation school (June 1917) became a licensed pilot Sep 1917

Awards: Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur (posthume), Croix de guerre (palme & three bronze stars)

Citations:

Citations to the order of the 169th RI Sep 1915, August 1916, March 1917

 $18\;Sep\;1915:$ "Charged with defending a bridge, on 3 Sep 1914 in the combat of Pagny, repelled several incursions of enemy cavalry, remained in control of the position."

"Very courageous, spirited officer. From December 29,1916 to January 2, 1917, although suffering and exhausted, commanded his section with energy, on particularly unfavorable and muddy terrain. Repulsed three enemy patrols and took five prisoners, still keeping his men in hand and ready to make any sacrifices to defend the post of honour entrusted to him"

Citation to the order of the Army 23 Mar 1918 and the Legion d'Honneur:

"Officer of great moral value. Pure example of daring and courage. Seriously wounded in the infantry where he stood out for his fine qualities. Went into aviation where he immediately expended himself without counting. Tireless trainer, showing everyone the path of duty, fought battles where his superiority was always pointed out. Found death on a patrol flight 17 March 1918."

Death: Died of Wounds received during aerial reconnaissance patrol 17 March 1918 at Saint-Hilaire-du-Temple. Taken to Ambulance 7/2, Saint Etienne au Temple, Marne

Grave: Necropole Nationale Le Mont-Frenet, La Cheppe, Marne: Tomb 944

Memorial: Remembered on the War Memorial at Bort-les-Orgues, Correze



GRAVE NECROPOLE NATIONALE LE MONT-FRENET, LA CHEPPE, MARNE: TOMB 944

118 PARTIE À REMPLIE FAR LE CORPS. onte Non Prénoms Grade 2: pouped aviation Corps. 1909 N. Matricule. Mort pour la France la Genre de mort Département municipal (p' Paris et Lyon), à défaut rue et N*. Jugement rendu le Tribunal d illet 1918 Nº du registre d'état civil 7 1

DEATH RECORD

- Nous apprenons la mort du sous-lieutenant Henri Vimal du Monteil, qui, blessé à deux reprises différentes, décoré de la croix de guerre ávec trois citations, ayant quitté l'infanterie pour entrer dans l'aviation en 1917, y avait conquis brillamment son brevet de pilote.

NEWSPAPER REPORT

LE GAULOIS- LITTERAIRE ET POLITIQUE 31 MARCH 1918

VIMAL DU MONTEIL (Henri-Jean), 🛠 (posthume), 🕸 (3 citations), sous-lieutenant au 169^e d'Infanterie, détaché à l'Escadrille S.P.A. 124.

Tombé le 17 mars 1918.

Citation: Officier d'une haute valeur morale. Pur exemple d'audace et de courage. Grièvement blessé dans l'infanterie où il s'était fait remarquer par ses belles qualités, est passé dans l'aviation où il s'est aussilôt dépensé sans compter. Entraineur infatigable, montrant à tous le chemin du devoir, a livré des combals où sa supériorité s'est toujours fait remarquer. A trouvé la mort dans un vol de patrouille. A été cité.

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135) Henri Vimal de Monteil (S. L. 43) s.-lieut^{*}-aviateur, + cit. R-R-AR-R., 17 mars, Saint-Etienne du Temple.

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