**Montreval Research Module**

**Definition**: Employment of a cavalry organization to block the retreat of Germans forces from southern France in SEP 1944.

**NOTE**: The references below provide information relevant to this engagement. Use these references and supplement with your own research.

**Electronic References listed by file name:**

11th Panzer Division Ops in Southern France

* Summary of the formation’s actions before, during, and after the fight at Montreval, compiled by the division’s commander

117 CRS at Montreval

* Unit association newsletter that details battle of Montreval

117 CRS Ops

* Unit history with background information on battle, including diary of unit activities

117 CRS Outline of Ops

* Outline of unit activities prior to and after the battle

Item 1280—VI Corps

* VI Corps AAR, including the period in which the battle at Montreval occurred. Provides overall context from corps perspective and objectives, placing the battle in the broader picture of operations intended to interdict the German withdrawal from southern France

Lee, Daniel

* Memorialization packet for Daniel Lee, Medal of Honor recipient for actions at Montreval

TF Butler Study 2007

* Fort Leavenworth Master’s Thesis detailing operations of TF Butler, which included 117th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron. Helps to establish context and setting for actions that led to Montreval

WWII History of the 117th Cavalry

* Unit history which provides sense of unit operations before, during, and after battle

***Recommended Websites:***

http://www.117th-cav.org/WWII%20History/Recon%20Squadrons%20WWII%20FM%202-30%20-2.pdf

* TO&E, training, missions, and tactics for Cav Recon squadrons during WWII based on FM

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 the 117th Cavalry in WWII.

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* Operational context for Montreval battle

***Related Search Subjects (online and library shelves):***

* + Montreval
	+ 11th Panzer Division
	+ LTC Charles J. Hodge, 117th CAV commander
	+ US VI Corps
	+ Daniel Lee