

NORLEY, Louis H. Jr.  
“Red” “Red Dog”

B: 18 June 1919 Conrad, MT  
D: 1 August 1967 Oakland, CA



“...we dove down to about 3,000 feet where the 190 did a very tight climbing turn to port. I dropped 20 degree flaps and easily out turned him. We completed the turn, the 190 rolled and dove steeply toward the deck. I closed from 300 to 50 yards firing a couple of short bursts and the Jerry bailed out just before I pulled out of the dive.”

- Louis Norley, from his combat report of 8 APR 44

Hometown: Conrad, Montana  
Rank: Major  
MOS: 1055 - Pilot, single engine fighter  
Unit: 334th Fighter Squadron  
335th Fighter Squadron  
336th Fighter Squadron

Aircraft:			
P-47C-2-RE	41-6183	VF-0	Red Dog
P-51B-7-NA	43-6802	VF-0	
P-51B-10-NA	42-106666	VF-0	
P-51D-10-NA	44-14435	WD-0	
P-51D-15-NA	44-15028	WD-0	Red Dog
P-51D-15-NA	44-15347	QP-0	
P-51D-20-NA	44-72196	QP-0	Red Dog XI
P-51D-20-NA	44-73108	QP-0	Red Dog XII

4th Service: July 10, 1943 to 21 September 1945

18 MAR 44 Designated Flight Commander D Flight  
25 MAR 44 Designated Flight Commander C Flight  
23 APR 44 Promoted to Captain  
4 MAY 44 Designated Flight Commander B Flight  
24 AUG 44 Designated Flight Commander A Flight  
29 AUG 44 Transferred to 335th Fighter Squadron  
30 AUG 44 Appointed squadron Commanding officer  
1 OCT 44 Designated squadron Operations officer  
12 JAN 45 Promoted to Major  
25 JAN 45 Transferred to 334th Fighter Squadron  
31 MAR 45 Begins 3rd tour with the 4th with a total of 554 hours combat time accrued.

Victories:  
16.33 (11.33 air / 5 ground)

Highlights:  
8 APR 44 - 3 FW-190's  
22 APR 44 - 2 ME-109's  
2 NOV 44 - 1 ME-163

Post 4th Fighter Group:  
Remained in the Air Force post war.  
10 NOV 1945 Appointed CO, 23rd Fighter Squadron  
20 FEB 1951 Promoted to Lieutenant Colonel  
1952 - 1954 Commanding Officer, Greenville AFB, MS  
1 APR 1963 Retired form the Air Force

Decorations:  
Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross (3 OLC), Air Medal (14 OLC), Distinguished Flying Cross (British), Croix de Guerre (w/ Silver Star), Distinguished Unit Badge, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, American Theater Ribbon, German Occupation Ribbon, American Allies Ribbon.