

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	<i>Red Dog</i>
P-51B-7-NA	43-6802	VF-0	
P-51B-7-NA	43-6666	VF-0	
P-51D-10-NA	44-14435	WD-0	
P-51D-15-NA	44-15028	WD-0	<i>Red Dog</i>
P-51D-15-NA	44-15347	QP-0	
P-51D-20-NA	44-72196	QP-0	<i>Red Dog XI</i>
P-51D-20-NA	44-73108	QP-0	<i>Red Dog XII</i>

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 from 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.