

He was cited twice by the War Department, and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross with oak leaf clusters and the Distinguished Unit Badge with oak leaf clusters while serving as a member of a Heavy Bombardment Group in Europe.

After being discharged from the service, he returned to Boston and became an engineer and technical assistant for RKO Broadcasting Corp., WNAC-TV and WRKO Radio.

He retired in 1979. He then became involved with real estate management and maintenance for a few years. Mr. Wayshak was

an active member of the Mt. Tabor Lodge of Masons, the Disabled American Veterans and the 15th Air Force, 484th Bomb Group 824th Squadron. Mr. Wayshak is survived by his wife of 52 years, Veronica (Balamut), and many nieces and nephews. The Charles Wayshak crew flew its first mission on September 5, 1944

2/Lt Walter A Jehli-p, f/O Melvin Rubin-C/P. 2/Lt Norman Bennett-N, F/O Arthur J Hill-B, T/Sg Harry G Walsh, Cpl Bernard Kelly-R/O, Cpl James L Timmerman-B/G, Cpl Charles Wayshak -N/G, Cpl Fred K Helman-U/G. Herman J White-T/G.

Report On The Lawrence Z Rose Crew Its Last Mission

This report was prepared in response to inquiries by David Rose, a nephew of Lawrence Z Rose, 826 Sq. Lt. Rose was the pilot of the crew that was shot down on June 11, 1944, in ship 42-52684 on the Mission of June 11, 1944. I interviewed Lt William Hardin-C/P, and Lt Louis Falvo by phone for this report. In addition Louis Falvo sent me the photos shown with this report. David Rose sent the MACR report that provides more details on what happened that day.

Statement 2/Lt Orville Wildman-N: I was the navigator on the same mission as Lt Rose. Lt Rose's ship was hit by a ME-109 in a head on attack after leaving the target a Giurgiu, Rumania. His ship dropped down nearly straight and level. About 500 feet below the formation 2, 3, and 4 stopped completely. The plane went into a spiral to the right. Half way around two men parachuted and both chutes opened almost instantly. The plane then disappeared beyond my vision.

Statement F/O Emil E Maniak-B: I was a bombardier on a plane flying in the same formation as Lt. Rose. Lt Rose flew Baker 22 and filled in Baker 12 only to be shot down by fighters. His plane went into a spin and no 2 and 3 engines were on fire. I saw an explosion in the nose or cockpit and then it fell about 10,000 feet tearing the left wing off. About 2 or 3 thousand feet more the right wing tore off and then the wings and hulk fell to the ground and exploded. I saw 5 chutes open and one partially open and it looked as though it was tied in the middle.

Another eye witness, a flight engineer flying the same mission said he saw Rose's ship pull up to take Baker 12 position when he was attacked by enemy fighter causing a fire in the nose and flight deck. He followed the ship as it descended to the earth and saw it explode at about 6000 feet above the ground. Before the explosion he saw two parachutes open.

Further reports state that Lt Rose's foot was shot off, but he bailed out successfully and was taken to a hospital by Rumanian civilians about 40 miles away from the point of landing. A British POW from the same hospital said that the stump had healed but that Lt Rose had died of dysentery and loss of blood.



Standing Left to right: T/Sgt Ben G Olds-E, S/Sgt Charles F Kelsey -NG, S/Sgt James A Hartgrove-R/O, Sgt William L Humphrey-U/G, S/Sgt Raymond F Kennedy-B/G, and S/Sgt Victor B Laucella-T/G. Kneeling left to right: 1/Lt Lawrence Z Rose -P, Lt Gorp-C/P (later replaced by Lt Hardin), 2/Lt Louis Falvo-N, and F/O David Goleck-B.

The attack took place at 21,000 feet at 10:10 AM. The plane fell over Petroshani and it was William L Humphrey, the upper gunner who fell into the Danube River and drowned later according to the MACR. Lt Hardin reports identifying Humphrey's wallet ring and other possessions. These articles were retained by Rumanian Army Personnel. Hardin also reported that David Coleck, the bombardier bailed out. His body was found and buried by a Greek priest at Petroshani. Included in the MACR was the information that the ball turret gunner Raymond E Kennedy was hit and probably trapped and could not escape. The tail gunner Victor D Lancellea was still at his station still firing at attacking airplanes when the plane blew up.