



Elmer Andrew ("Andy") Magnusson was the youngest son and born on June 30 1925 of Ari Magnusson and Ruth (Ragnheidur). The Magnusson's had three boys and one girl Pearl. Ruth and Ari were immigrants from Iceland, who had settled in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Elmer's brothers, Norris and Norman, had enlisted in the RCAF before he was old enough to join up. He went into the army not long before Norris (b. 30 August 1916) was killed in a mine-laying operation off the Wadden Islands on May 22nd, 1943. Norman (b. 15 April 1918) was the lucky one: his was the only crew in his Bomber Command squadron to survive a full tour of operations (30 missions) in 1943.

Elmer went into France with his regiment in July 1944 after the D-Day landings, and fought his way across northern France, Belgium, and the Netherlands before entering Germany itself in April 1945. He was killed there during the battle of the Küsten Canal on April 18th, 1945, when he was only 19.

Elmer was temporarily buried in Friesoythe (Germany).

Norman was inordinately fond of him, and remembered him to his sons (Denis and Warren) as a person everyone liked, with the kind of sunny disposition that brings joy to all the people around him. He was also a great (ice) hockey player, who might have made it to the top league, the NHL, if the war had not ended his life so soon. Norman died in 1997, but all three brothers were survived by their sister, Pearl Wilson (b. 22 April 1924), who as of 2015 was still alive and well in her retirement in Victoria, British Columbia."

Norman (b. 15 April 1918) was the only one of the three brothers to survive the war. He flew thirty missions as an Observer/Navigator with 428 Squadron. He was Mentioned in Despatches and later awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. He had a distinguished post-War military career, retiring as a Major-General and Commander of Canada's Air Defence Command in 1973. He died on 16 June 1997, and is buried at Ross Bay Cemetery in Victoria, B.C. He named his second son, Warren **Elmer Norris** Magnusson, in honour of his two brothers. Warren has prepared this transcription in honour of all three brothers.

Magnusson Lake (west of Family Lake) was named after him in 1973

Warren Magnusson, nephew



Magnusson, Private Elmer A. of Winnipeg (H 103840). Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders. He died 18 April 1945 at the age of 19 and is commemorated at the Holten Canadian War Cemetery in Holland. He was the son of Ari G. and Ruth Magnusson of Winnipeg. *Magnusson Lake* (62 P/16), west of Family Lake was named after him in 1973.