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**Drum Corporal  
Arthur William Presswell  
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Art Presswell was born in London, England in 1921. He came to Canada when he was five, but went back with his mother, May and brother, Frank when he was 14. He had just completed grade nine at the Ingersoll Collegiate Institute. In 1937 he returned to Canada with his family and worked in the Dominion Store. That same year he joined the Ingersoll Pipe Band. While in a band competition in Embro, the next year, he met Pipe Major Arthur Costorphine who was scouting for recruits for the Highland Light Infantry of Canada. Art, who had just turned 19, accepted his invitation to join them. He enlisted on July 8, 1940 in Stratford and was given the rank of Drum Corporal. Art remembers the events of D-Day as if it were yesterday. "On our way across, my Sergeant Major said, 'Conte on Art, get the men singing' I did, but I don't remember what they sang - eventually they took over the Normandy Front. Art came home to Ingersoll in April 1945. His bride, Joyce, [RCAF] and he had met while he was stationed in Stratford. They were married June 16, 1945 and Art began work at the Morrow Screw Company, where he remained for 25 years. Drum Corporal Arthur William Presswell passed away in 2011, he rests in Harris Street Cemetery.

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