

# Remembering

Alberta teachers  
make a difference  
during world wars

## WAR EFFORTS

**W**ith military service calling away many of Alberta's young women and men, the first and second world wars created teacher shortages that threatened the stability and efficacy of public education.

During the Second World War, teachers who remained in their classrooms made a concerted effort to bolster active, democratic citizenship in students, and the Alberta Teachers' Association worked to safeguard the profession while supporting the democratic ideals for which Allied forces were fighting.



November 1940

**O**n behalf of the Royal Canadian Air Force, the *ATA Magazine* publishes a plea for teachers to engage industrial arts students in helping to build **50,000** scale model planes for the benefit of training RCAF pilots.



September 1942

**B**y this time, **415** Alberta teachers had left their classrooms to enlist in the Armed Forces. The *ATA Magazine* published those teachers' names and their school divisions in honour of their service.