

A new medical service of the Royal Canadian Navy was announced April 3 - a well baby clinic in Halifax, formed to supervise the growth and development of children of men of the navy. It is the first service of its kind to be offered by any of the armed services. Nursing Sister Elaine Ambery, a specialist in public health and children's diseases, is in charge and also makes regular visits to the homes of navy families. Doctors from leading Canadian hospitals conduct the clinic twice a week.

Nurses wearing Canadian war uniforms now total 2,475. The Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps has enlisted 1,746 nursing sisters, including 25 dietitians, 61 physio-therapy aides, and 18 home sisters. There are 703 overseas.

The R.C.A.F nursing service has 293 on duty. Several are serving at the new R.C.A.F. base at Goose Bay in Labrador. The Royal Canadian Navy has 181 nurses serving temporarily under the R.C.N. medical directorate.

Three hundred Canadian nurses enlisted in the South Africa military nursing service shortly after the outbreak of war, and the majority renewed their yearly contracts. Only 43 have returned to Canada. Four recently went to the Middle East battlefront, attached to a South African desert general hospital, and are believed to be the first Canadian women to undertake war service in the Middle East.

There are 38 women doctors in the armed services, four with the navy, 21 with the army and 13 with the air force.

The director-general of the Canadian Army Medical Services announced during March that plans for the expansion of voluntary aid detachments (V.A.D.'s) had been made. V.A.D.'s now may be employed to comprise up to 25% of the nursing sisters on the strength of a home war nursing establishment and may volunteer for three types of service - service anywhere, in Canada or in their own localities. The age limit has been extended to include volunteers from 18 to 45 years of age.

Under the order the complete resources of the Canadian Red Cross and the St. John Ambulance Association for training in home nursing and first aid in Canada are to be governed, controlled and administered by a joint board of management to consist of seven members.

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