

seven ratings, took up duties in Washington early in April. They work for a naval member of the Canadian Joint Staff.

"Wrens" must be British subjects, from 18 to 45 years of age, without dependents and be willing to serve for the duration.

Officers are commissioned from the ranks and must be 21 years of age or more, while executive officers must be 25 years or more.

Captain Eustace Brock, R.C.N., who organized the service, has been succeeded by Chief Officer Dorothy Isherwood as director of the W.R.C.N.S.

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 ranking Canadian hospitals conduct the clinic twice a week.

Nurses wearing Canadian war uniforms now total 2,395. The Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps has enlisted 1,614 nursing sisters, and 100 dietitians and physio-therapy aides bring its nursing service total to 1,714. There are 699 overseas.

The R.C.A.F. nursing service has 270 on duty. Several are serving at the new R.C.A.F. base at Goose Bay in Labrador. The Royal Canadian Navy has 154 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 battlefield, 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 35 women doctors in the armed services, four with the navy, 19 with the army, and 12 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

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