

Established in July, 1941, the R.C.A.F. (W.D.) has enlisted more than 12,240 and hopes to have 20,000 by the end of 1943.

It was the first Canadian women's service organized in this war to release men for active duties and was the first service to send a contingent overseas.

To be eligible for admission women must be between 18 and 41, have a medical category of ^{A4B} / or higher, be five feet or more in height, have a minimum education standard of high school entrance and be able to pass appropriate trade tests. There are about 43 trades.

The newest trade, announced May 12, is a service patrol for escort duty on trains and patrols in large cities. A four-week training course for this is conducted at Rockcliffe training depot near Ottawa and includes ju-jitsu, marksmanship and life-saving.

Applicants will not be considered for enlistment if they hold permanent civil service appointments or if they are married women with dependent sons under 16 or daughters under 18.

The duty of keeping a check on the position and course of every aircraft, surface ship or submarine - friendly or enemy - which approaches Canada's North Atlantic coast has been entrusted to carefully selected members of the R.C.A.F. (W.D.). These clerks-operational, as they are called, must be from 18 to 30 years. So secret is their work that the exact nature of their duties cannot be disclosed.

During March a group of the R.C.A.F. (Women's Division) overseas was assigned to the new R.C.A.F. bomber group which was organized in Britain in January, 1943. They are serving as clerks, stenographers, transport drivers, cooks and mess women.

Organized in June, 1942, the Women's Royal Canadian Naval Service had more than 2,595 officers and ratings by May 24, 1943. About 110 are being called each week for ratings' training at Galt and Preston, Ontario. Officers are trained in Ottawa. "Wrens" and officers are replacing various categories of naval personnel in shore establishments at Ottawa, Halifax and Deep Brook, Nova Scotia. The W.R.C.N.S. hopes to enlist 5,000 by the end of 1943.

The first "Wrens" to go on foreign service, a group of one officer and