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The Women's Royal Canadian Naval Service (WRCNS or 'Wrens') was officially established on July 31, 1942. The last Canadian military branch to recruit women, the Wrens grew to number some 7 000.

They initially performed clerical and administrative tasks so more men could be made available for duty at sea.

Eventually Wrens would expand on these roles as well to do things like being on-shore radar operators and coding technicians.

How did women contribute through the WRCNS?