



## Patricia (Lawther) Dye

While studying physical education at Queen's University, Patricia Lawther and her friends from school became interested in the navy, and joined the Women's Royal Canadian Naval Service (Wrens) at HMCS *Cataraqui*. Pat remained a Wren for the duration of her undergraduate program. She was part of the

Pat and her friends from the Wrens.

electrical corps and performed office work in HMC Ships *Stadacona* in Halifax and *Star* in Hamilton. Pat's time as a Wren was punctuated by a lot of marching, especially on Battle of the Atlantic Sundays. Pat completed her basic training in Cornwallis, and remarks that her best memories from being a Wren were

sailing around the harbour. Even after leaving the Wrens to teach, the values of the naval system stick with her, and she explains that being a Wren impressed upon her concern for national defense. Pat also attended the Navy Lady rose bush planting at the *Archives and Collections Society*, commenting that the ceremony was "excellent, because Wrens do not get much attention."



Pat standing in front of the Wren commemorative poster at the Archives and Collections Society, 2010.



HMCS Cornwallis in Halifax.



Pat stands centre with two of her Wren friends.