

PORTSMOUTH ROYAL DOCKYARD HISTORICAL TRUST (PRDHT)

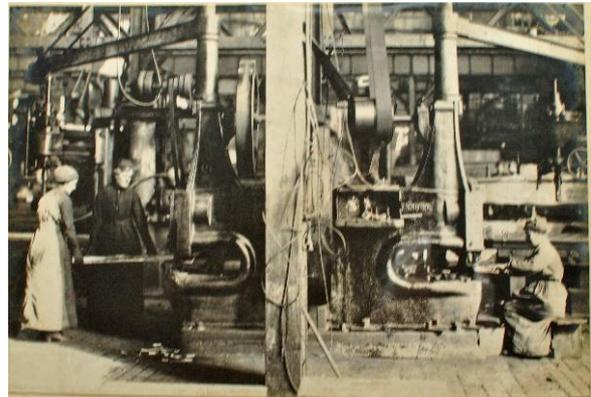
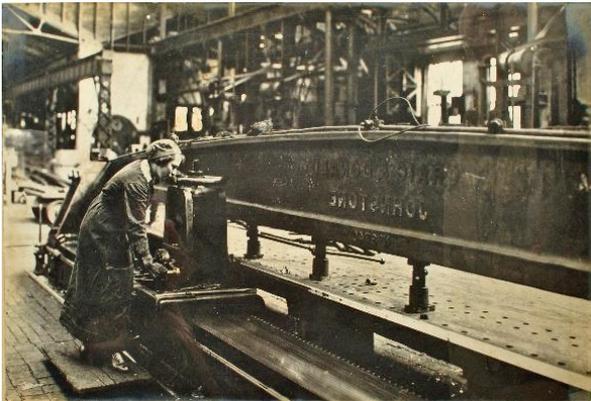


“THE TRIANGLE GIRLS”

The project commenced in January 2019 and ends in July 2020 and will involve members of PRDHT, students from the University of Portsmouth and volunteers from the local community. It will use resources held by PRDHT, Portsmouth History Centre and Imperial War Museum as well as census records, Parliamentary records and newspaper archives.

The research will consider the recruitment of the women workers, the tasks they performed, their working conditions, attitudes of their male colleagues, their personal feelings and the legacy of their service. The findings of the research will be made available to the public and will be presented in a mobile touring display. Educational materials will also be produced for schools.

Much is known about the women, such as nurses and munitions workers, but little is commonly known about the women who helped to fill the void left when dockyard male workers went off to fight. The Triangle Girls entered this world of men behind the Dockyard walls. They worked in a variety of semi-skilled tasks in a range of engineering workshops which were previously the men’s domain. This was a far cry from traditional women’s roles such as domestic servants and stay makers.



Apart from telling their story, the project will help to publicise and promote the aims of PRDHT in telling the Dockyard Story. The proud history of the Royal Navy is covered extensively by the National Museum of the Royal Navy and the historic ships within the Portsmouth Historic Dockyard heritage area. PRDHT exists to preserve and present the role played by generations of civilians employed in the dockyard who built, repaired and supplied ships of the Royal Navy.

We would like to hear from you if you have a relative who worked in the dockyard in the First World War. Please contact the Project Leader at the following address prdhtsg@outlook.com.

