

### Munitions factory worker

*My name is Victoria Doyle. I am married to Barrie Doyle and I have two children, Lucy and Jack. My husband is fighting on the Western Front, but I haven't heard from him for a long time. Last time I got a post card he said he was missing everyone, but that's all; I don't even know if he got the socks and mittens I knitted him.*

*I am working at the Royal Gunpowder Mills Munitions factory with lots of other women from Higham Street. I like earning my own money. We are making lots of bombs to help the boys on the front. We are doing the night shift so we have to walk to work because no trams are running at night. I have been working since 1916 because of the shortage of men. I like working with the others girl from Higham Street. One day, at work, a bomb exploded and killed a lot of workers; some were badly injured. It was terrifying. This work is really deadly and hard work!*

*After work, I go home and knit some mittens to send to the boys in the war. I also patch my children's clothes and make rag rugs. Every day I give my children a bath!*