

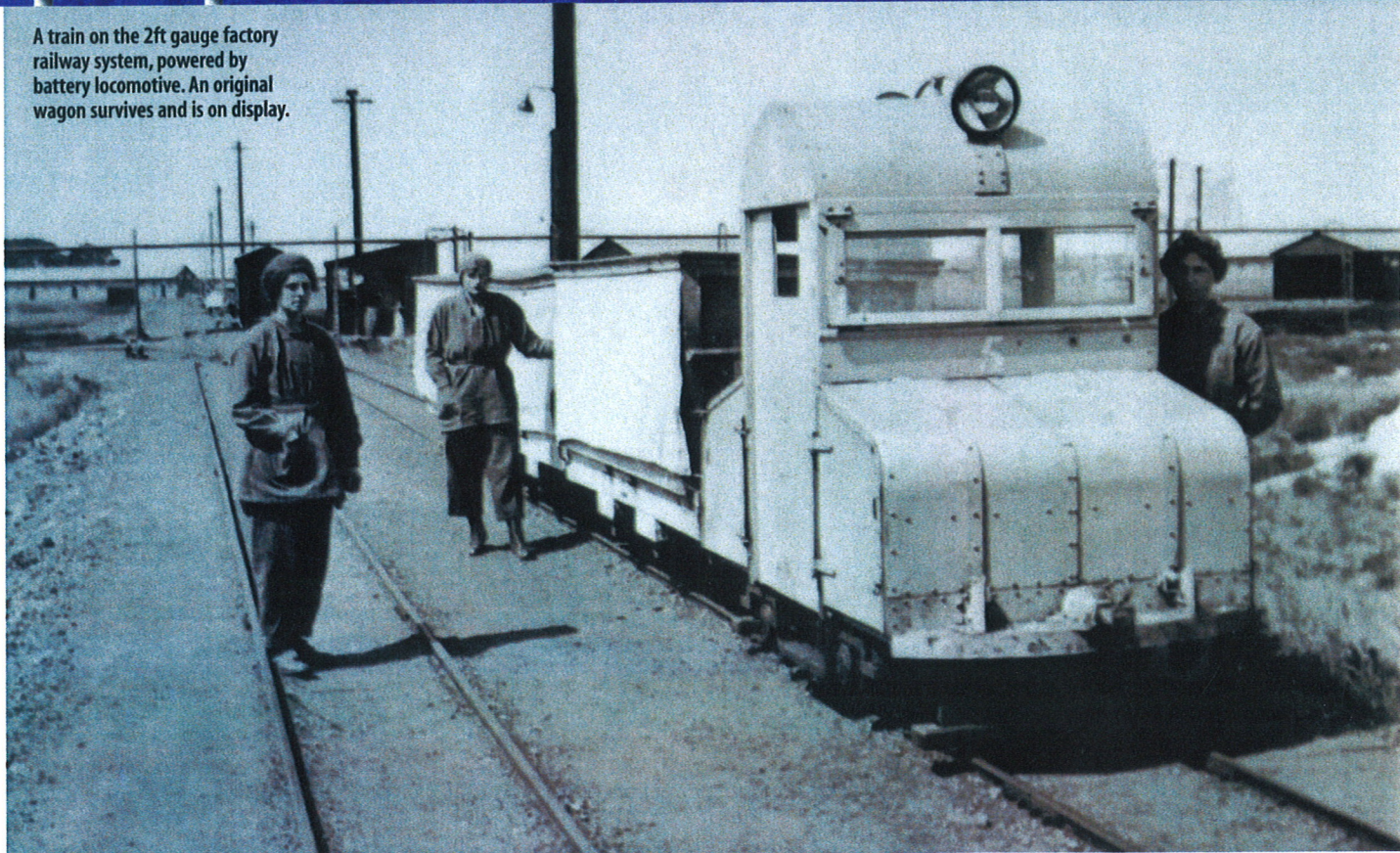
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'The Devil's Forge'

Museum Guide

A train on the 2ft gauge factory railway system, powered by battery locomotive. An original wagon survives and is on display.



'The Devil's Porridge'

- munition manufacture on an industrial scale



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MINIATURE TRACTION ENGINE RALLY
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TRAVEL from Carlisle to Dumfries along the Solway, and take time to detour from the main A75 via Eastriggs to visit 'The Devil's Porridge', one of the most imaginative exhibitions in the country and which recalls the industrial heritage of the area, centre of mass munitions manufacture during WWI.

The community-run exhibition really brings the story of the 'porridge' - the highly explosive

mixture of nitro-glycerine and nitro-cotton which was mixed into cordite by 30,000 women and men who worked at the massive factory - between 1915 and 1918.

The factory was opened after the Government realised that Britain was losing the war on the Western Front thanks to a shortage of ammunition, so Irish construction workers moved in on a nine-mile home front from Dornock, through Eastriggs and Gretna to Longtown, Cumbria, to

build what was Europe's largest munitions factory. After the navvies, whose exploits are recalled in the museum, and who shocked a normally quiet rural community, came the women workers who mixed the lethal ingredients which went on to be used as cordite in bullets and shells, the nickname 'Devil's Porridge' being given to the deadly mix by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, who visited what was known officially as HM Factory Gretna in 1918.

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 OCTOBER STEAMING - Saturday October 17th & Sunday October 18th
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WORKMEN'S TRAINS

COMMENCING

On Thursday, 2nd November, 1916

CALEDONIAN TRAINS.

| Station | MORNING TRAINS | | | | EVENING TRAINS | | | | SATURDAY ONLY TRAINS | | | | |
|--------------|----------------|------|----|----|----------------|------|----|----|----------------------|----|----|----|----|
| | AM | AM | AM | AM | PM | PM | PM | PM | PM | PM | PM | PM | PM |
| Penrith | 5.8 | | | | 6.22 | | | | 1.56 | | | | |
| Carlisle | 5.34 | | | | 6.28 | | | | 2.1 | | | | |
| Mossband | 5.45 | | | | 6.40 | | | | 2.14 | | | | |
| Gretna | 5.48 | | | | 7.10 | | | | 2.45 | | | | |
| Lockerbie | 5.25 | 6.40 | | | 5.25 | 6.30 | | | Mossband - 1.55 | | | | |
| Eoclefechan | 5.35 | 6.50 | | | 5.33 | 6.35 | | | Gretna - 2.0 | | | | |
| Kirtlebridge | 5.44 | 6.58 | | | 5.41 | 6.43 | | | Kirkpatrick - 2.8 | | | | |
| Kirkpatrick | 5.52 | 7.08 | | | 5.49 | 6.51 | | | Kirtlebridge - 2.16 | | | | |
| Gretna | 6.0 | 7.15 | | | 5.58 | 6.59 | | | Eoclefechan - 2.23 | | | | |
| Mossband | 6.5 | | | | 5.58 | 7.8 | | | Lockerbie - 2.31 | | | | |

The Caledonian Trains run on Week-days only, with the exception of the Lockerbie Train, namely: 6.40 a.m. ex Lockerbie and 5.25 p.m. ex Mossband, which runs every Alternate Sunday commencing on 5th November, 1916.

GLASGOW AND SOUTH WESTERN TRAINS.

| Station | MORNING TRAINS | | | | EVENING TRAINS | | | | SATURDAY ONLY TRAINS | | | | |
|--------------|----------------|------|------|------|----------------|------|------|------|----------------------|------|------|------|------|
| | AM | AM | AM | AM | PM | PM | PM | PM | PM | PM | PM | PM | PM |
| Carlisle | 6.35 | 6.40 | 6.45 | | 5.10 | 5.17 | 5.25 | | 1.20 | 1.30 | 1.40 | | |
| Gretna Green | 6.50 | | | | 5.34 | 5.41 | 5.50 | | 1.55 | 2.1 | 2.7 | | |
| Dornock | 6.58 | 7.3 | 7.10 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dumfries | 6.5 | | 6.30 | 6.40 | 5.20 | 5.25 | 5.30 | 5.25 | Gretna Green - 1.20 | 1.25 | 1.30 | 1.30 | 1.40 |
| Racks | 6.15 | | | | 5.25 | | 5.36 | 5.36 | Dornock - 1.25 | | 1.36 | 1.46 | 1.46 |
| Rathwell | 6.28 | | | | | | 5.43 | 5.43 | Annan - 1.53 | | 1.53 | 1.53 | 1.53 |
| Cumertrees | 6.29 | | | | | | 5.50 | 5.50 | Cumertrees - 1.58 | | 1.58 | 1.58 | 1.58 |
| Annan | 6.40 | 6.50 | | | | | 5.58 | 5.58 | Rathwell - 1.50 | 1.58 | 2.10 | 2.10 | 2.10 |
| Dornock | 6.45 | 6.55 | 7.3 | 7.11 | | | 5.41 | 5.53 | Racks - 2.0 | 2.6 | 2.20 | 2.20 | 2.20 |
| Gretna Green | 6.55 | | | | | | 5.50 | 6.0 | Dumfries - 2.0 | 2.6 | 2.20 | 2.20 | 2.20 |

The Glasgow and South Western Trains run every Week-day and every Alternative Sunday commencing Sunday, 5th November, 1916.

ANNAN AND CORSEHILL QUARRY TRAINS.

| Station | MORNING TRAINS | | EVENING TRAINS | | SATURDAY ONLY TRAINS | |
|------------------|----------------|----|----------------|----|----------------------|----|
| | AM | AM | PM | PM | PM | PM |
| Annan | 7.5 | | 5.5 | | 1.20 | |
| Corsehill Quarry | 7.12 | | 5.11 | | 1.27 | |

The Trains between Corsehill Quarry and Annan run every Week-day and on every Alternative Sunday commencing Sunday, 5th November 1916.

The timetable for special trains serving the factory.

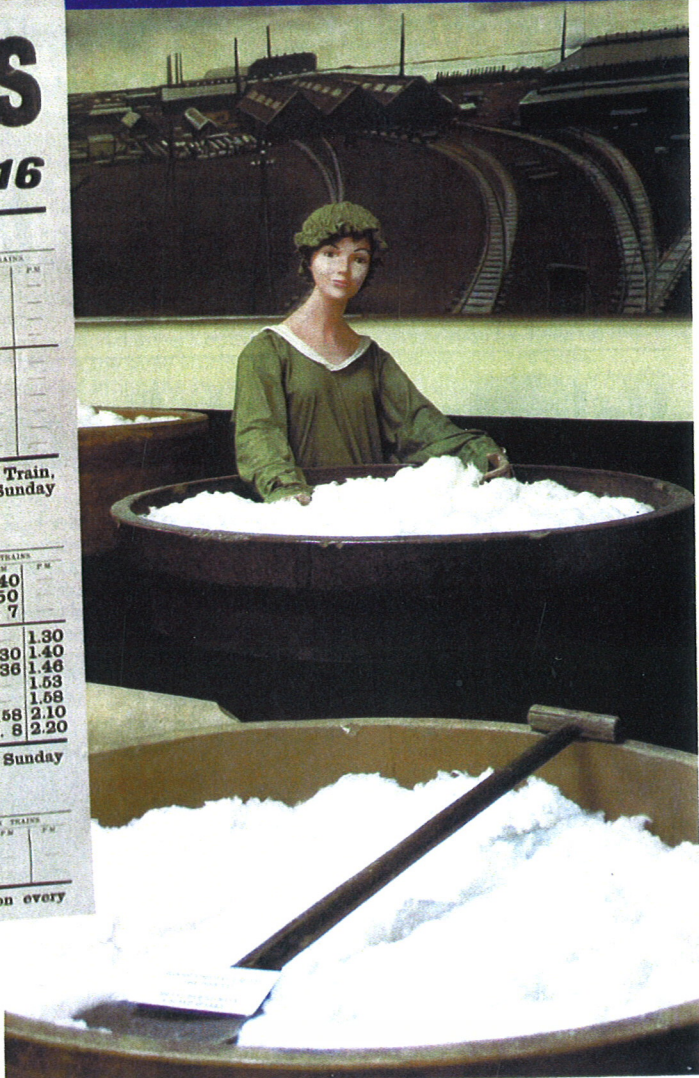
Accidents were frequent. But the women, who came from all over the north of England, southern Scotland and Northern Ireland, earned industrial level wages and remained one of the forgotten armies before the museum project revealed their past to the 4000 plus visitors who stop at Eastriggs each year.

Visitors can see the original mixing bowls on show with a model of the women workers, dressed in a special spark-proof uniform, placed effectively in front of a painted impression of the factory, and there are machines, tools, stories of factory life and the impact of so many single and young women on

those menfolk not at war, of the area. The local police officer, it is recorded, caused great scandal in 1917, by being caught in the police station with one of the young ladies on his knee!

On a rather more industrial theme are pictures of the once extensive 2ft gauge railway system which connected parts of the site.

There are also plenty of WWI military artefacts, including a recreation of a dug-out, a wall painting of the former and nearby Solway railway viaduct which once linked England and Scotland, and an original. Add to that a section on the effects of WWII evacuees on the



Mixing the Devil's Porridge with an impression of the factory behind. The mixing bowl is original. ALL: HUGH DOUGHERTY

district, as well as a recreated pub frequented by WWI workers, and that gives some idea of just how fascinating in terms of social and industrial history this excellent exhibition is.

■ 'The Devils Porridge' is open from Easter. Visit www.devilsporridge.co.uk for opening hours and admission prices.

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