

'The sergeant with the muscles'

Written by Joe Powell, who played Sergeant Windridge in *ZULU*. It's from his autobiography, *The Life and Times of a Fall Guy*, published by *Book Guild Publishing* in 2007. Article and photograph courtesy of Ian Knight.

'In August 2004 I was invited to attend a show put on by the Anglo Zulu War Historical Society at the Artillery Museum Woolwich Arsenal. The place was impressive. The parade ground is apparently the largest in Europe, large enough to land a plane. The walls of the main hall were covered in artillery guns covering centuries of battles around the world. One of the conference rooms was solely taken up with trophies. There was a grand ornate staircase, and the dining room had three huge tables at least sixty feet long. From the ceiling hung three huge chandeliers and the walls were covered in portraits of past generals. The whole building wouldn't have shamed Buckingham Palace.

The show was for the public, and I was amazed at how large the crowds were. On both days there must have been 2,000 people in attendance. After forty years the popularity of the film seems to have increased. On display were the two VCs awarded to Lt. Bromhead and Lt. Chard, plus other artefacts from the Zulu War. Zulu dancers entertained the crowds and got children to participate. It was a great success.

In the main hall, James Booth, who played hook, and myself were signing autographs. A number of the crowd said they recognized me from the film. Perhaps I have now left some of my own footprints in the sands of time'.



James Booth (Hook) with Ian Knight and Joe Powell (Sergeant Windridge)