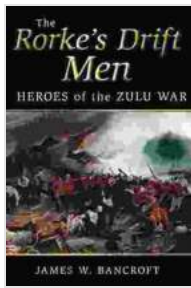


Rorke's Drift: The Epic Battle That Inspired "Zulu"

The Battle of Rorke's Drift was one of the most epic battles in British history. On January 22, 1879, a small force of 150 British soldiers defended a mission station against a Zulu army of over 4,000 warriors. Against all odds, the British held out for 12 hours, inflicting heavy casualties on the Zulu before the Zulu finally withdrew.



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The battle was immortalized in the 1964 film "Zulu," which starred Michael Caine and Stanley Baker. The film tells the story of the battle from the British perspective, and it is considered one of the greatest war films ever made.

The Battle of Rorke's Drift was a remarkable victory for the British. It was a testament to the courage and determination of the British soldiers, and it helped to restore British prestige after the humiliating defeat at Isandlwana.

The Battle

The Battle of Rorke's Drift began on the morning of January 22, 1879, when a Zulu army of over 4,000 warriors attacked the mission station. The British garrison consisted of 150 men from the 24th Regiment of Foot and the Royal Engineers. The British were commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Henry Evelyn Wood.

The Zulu attacked in waves, and they quickly overwhelmed the British defenses. The British were forced to retreat into the mission buildings, where they made a last stand. The Zulu surrounded the buildings and set them on fire, but the British refused to surrender.

The battle raged for 12 hours, and the British inflicted heavy casualties on the Zulu. The Zulu finally withdrew, and the British had won a remarkable victory.

The Men

The men who fought at Rorke's Drift were ordinary men who did extraordinary things. They were farmers, laborers, and tradesmen who had volunteered to fight for their country. They were not professional soldiers, but they fought with the courage and determination of veterans.

One of the most famous men who fought at Rorke's Drift was Private John Williams. Williams was a Welshman who had served in the British Army for 12 years. He was awarded the Victoria Cross for his actions at Rorke's Drift, where he defended a hospital against a large force of Zulu warriors.

Another famous man who fought at Rorke's Drift was Private Frederick Hitch. Hitch was a 19-year-old private who was serving in his first battle. He

was awarded the Victoria Cross for his actions at Rorke's Drift, where he defended a barricade against a large force of Zulu warriors.

The men who fought at Rorke's Drift were heroes. They fought against overwhelming odds, and they won a remarkable victory. Their story is a testament to the courage and determination of the British people.

The Legacy

The Battle of Rorke's Drift is still remembered today as one of the greatest battles in British history. It is a story of courage, determination, and victory against all odds. The battle has been immortalized in film, television, and literature, and it continues to inspire people around the world.

The Battle of Rorke's Drift is a reminder that anything is possible if you have courage and determination. It is a story that will continue to be told for generations to come.



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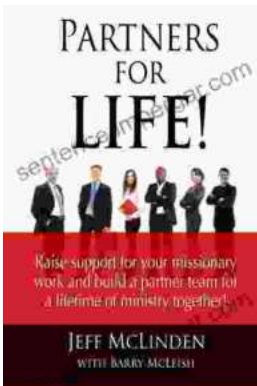
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