

'I was so proud to see my name in the credits'

ISLEWORTH: Former IT worker is now Captain America baddie

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A FORMER businessman has broken on to the big screen and appeared with top actors in Hollywood's latest blockbuster.

Erich Redman, of Isleworth, plays a German baddie in the film *Captain America: The First Avenger* alongside superstars Chris Evans, Dominic Cooper and Tommy Lee Jones.

The film, which is based on the cult Marvel comic book, was released last Friday.

The Russian-born German actor scooped the role after his agent put him up for it. It is his most prolific part to date, following small roles in *The*

Illusionist and *Saving Private Ryan*. He also appeared in the role of Christian Adams, a German passenger aboard one of the hijacked aircraft on September 11, in the film *United 93*.

The part caused controversy as his character was portrayed as being the only person who refused to support the other passengers when they stormed the cockpit to attempt to overpower the hijackers.

Mr Redman said: "I went to the West End for the premier last week and I was so proud to see my name in the end credits.

"Even though I finished filming for it a year ago, I still get excited and it's such a buzz to see my little face on the screen."

Since finishing filming last year, Mr Redman has been keeping busy, acting

in an independent British film, *Trap for Cinderella*, a psychological thriller that will be shown in festivals in 2012.

The actor, who lives with his girlfriend, left the business world more than 10 years ago after falling in love with the stage and has not looked back.

The former marketing and IT worker had a career in both the printing and pharmaceutical industries, before taking up acting, first as a hobby then a job.

He also worked as a freelance German translator and a writer.

He said: "Since becoming a professional actor, I have mingled with stars like Matt Damon, Tom Hanks and Sandra Bullock, but the best part is being a new person every time I act.

"I can be a more confident me, a meaner me. It's the best job in the



■ **CAPTAIN'S CURSE:** Erich Redman plays Schneider in *Captain America*

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