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Ask any British or French soldier
who'd been on the front lines of the Crimea
and he'd tell you that once you got close
you could smell the Russkis: a smell
like leather. And when you saw them

they all had pug noses like lap dogs,
clumsy lips and small piggish eyes.
So many people couldn't be wrong
about how a good bayonet went in
just like slicing boiled cabbage.