

Victoria Crosses on the Victoria Line

from London



Duncan Boyes 1864

On 6th September, British troops engaged the enemy on land at Shimonoseki, Japan. When both sergeants bearing the British flag were shot down, seventeen year old Boyes picked up the flagpole and led the charge, unarmed and without faltering, into a hail of enemy fire. The flag was pierced by six bullets and only orders from his superior officer detained Boyes from charging further. Boyes' actions greatly encouraged his comrades who succeeded in capturing the enemy position.

Ordinary people. extraordinary deeds



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