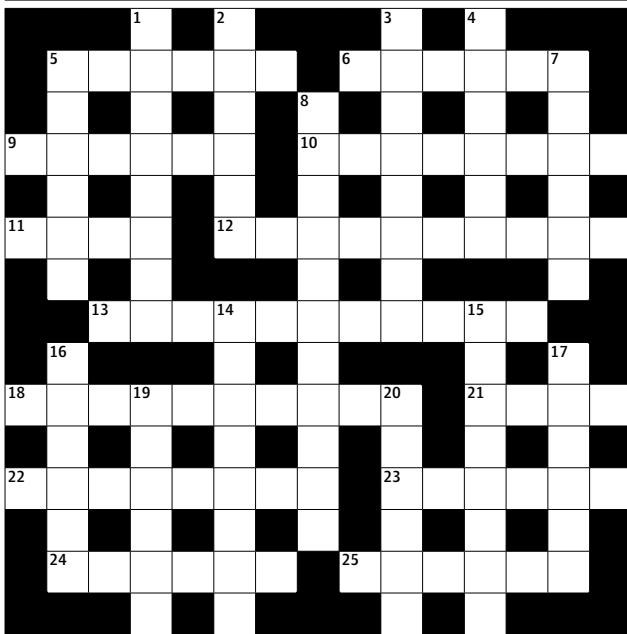


Guardian cryptic crossword



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Across

- 5 Caught military leader, in a way, making treaty (6)
- 6 Everyone loaded into vessel in preparation for war (4-2)
- 9 At the front, protecting one, to no avail (2,4)
- 10 Old general writing 13, for example (8)
- 11 For the French, I name area where Napoleon was dominant (4)
- 12 Cavalier leader not retreating where Civil War started (10)
- 13 Literary classic we can read, a novel about power (3,3,5)
- 18 Unending harshness, crossing line unknown in battle (10)
- 21 Unpredictable sort of cannon shortened WW1 offensive (4)
- 22 Observe tree, say, in Utah or Omaha, for example (3,5)
- 23 Older people losing heart in parts of Air Force (6)
- 24 They stop fighting opponents at bridge after short retreat (6)
- 25 Ben, say, disoriented in battle (6)

Down

- 1 Architect of war cameraman shot with no end of distaste (8)
- 2 Anger cut short in pursuit of peace (6)

- 3 Historic fortress rebuilt as billet (8)
- 4 Fighters, for example, seeing point in strategic efforts (6)
- 5 Battle for bridges with a navy on border (6)
- 7 Artillery piece Brits put together (3-3)
- 8 Like the Blitz at its peak, exemplifying 10 (3,3,5)
- 14 Broadcast with some singers heard in military locations (8)
- 15 Selective slaughter terribly done, a Scottish tragedy (8)
- 16 Rugby forward, one on losing side at 25 (6)
- 17 Roman general in naval base (6)
- 19 To British and their country, place under siege in WW2 (6)
- 20 Evasive manoeuvre from Arizona soldier in Green Zone, initially going North (6)

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