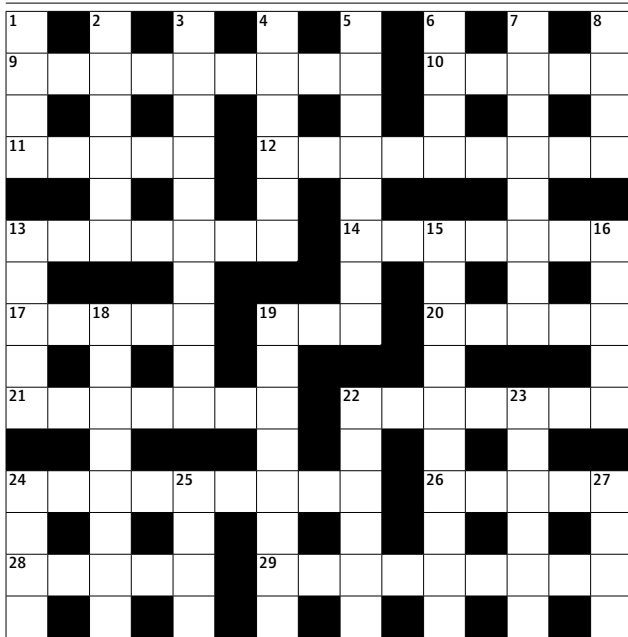


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Across

- 9** Raw soldier enrolled in French course (9)
10 Climber may be obsessive about carrying one (5)
11 Poet's rejected material (5)
12 Set fire to big banger (9)
13 Army unit fails to complete the course (7)
14 Sustained fire from soldiers aboard boat (7)
17 They may be broken on pitch with odd soil (5)
19 Discharge rider holding certificate (3)
20 Terror suspect remanded when dodgy men disappear (5)
21 Set a course, perhaps, with divine surroundings (7)
22 Changing course on river is cathartic (7)
24 Two sets of players embrace a discard (4,5)
26 Adult leaves dance course (5)
28 See 6
29 Disliked hanging uniform in a foreign tree (9)
- 5** Dish has base changed for second course (8)
6,28 Jack Ruby, say, on the slab (9)
7 Set course for a vintage trip (8)
8 Set and course constituent? (4)
13 Artist set up by judges (5)
15 View inside set (diagram attached) (10)
16 Bird about to pass over (5)
18 Material for Thatcher's first organ piece (4,4)
19 Frame shy jockey consumed by resentment (8)
22 Set out on course for wide open space (6)
23 Rake over tops of beds looking for money (8)
24 Patient horse taken from course (4)
25 A union overturned cuts (4)
27 A little climber manages narrow path (4)

Down

- 1** National course? Not at first (4)
2 Bird drops core when on the rise (6)
3 Provide efficiencies – just two courses (10)
4 Catchphrase a big hit with Central Bank (6)

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