



**Across**

- 1 Women's sickness (6)
- 4 Cheltenham's text message contractions (6)
- 9 Surrounded by Military Intelligence in modern times (4)
- 10 18, 15 for example - though an American would sound as if he lived in a bog (10)
- 11 She's born to last in Kent, maybe, followed by a blessing (6)
- 12 The Hunter, sick inside a projection from a bastion (8)
- 13 Eradicate this dictator by love in defeat (4,2,3)

- 15 See 18 Down
- 16 It's fitting I'm an alien - 18, 15 had a strange longer one (4)
- 17 Admiral, for example, fit to sail (9)
- 21 Strong way - war holds the key? On the contrary (8)
- 22 A gap where bend in canal is bombed (6)
- 24 Girl's brow, suggested 18, 15 - Spooner's one who matches stones seen at a funeral (4-6)
- 25 See both 1 Down and 14 Down
- 26 Before public transport, it's hell (6)

- 27 A senior theologian at the Front? That's bad (6)

**Down**

- 1 /25a: Men, "Other Ranks", "Tommies" endlessly marching in formation - the *danse macabre*, perhaps (7,4)
- 2 Serve Germany with the French on both sides (5)
- 3 See 14 Down
- 5 See 14 Down
- 6 To the south, a French river which rises high (9)
- 7 Where horses run at the end of the day, with an article not socially acceptable (7)
- 8 See 14 Down
- 14 /3d/8d/5d/25a: 18,

- 15 told Horace's misguided murderers I proceeded on automatic pilot to Hell (3,3,3,5,2,7,3,3,6,4)
- 16 Macbeth might say "It's a gas!" (7)
- 18/15 Down rifle? We desperately wrote of the Pity of War (7,4)
- 19 An area where fear follows Attila, we hear (7)
- 20 German devoured gold - it's a piece of cake on the Somme! (6)
- 23 Sopwith's river animal (5)