



Across

- 7 Hack officer taking heat (4)
- 8 Acknowledging somehow log missing from top level of ship (6,4)
- 10 Offensive line (4)
- 11 Close to snug, hugging pupil's sleeping aid (5-5)
- 13 Boxer's admission of first signs of brain injury might let them off? (6)
- 14 That guy's grasping broken pole - pole is irreparable (8)
- 16 Old photos, perhaps, arranged behind catwalk (5,3,5)
- 19 Recognise cycling clothing, amateur riders at first love a jumper! (8)

21 Scot's garment with Monarch's Order (6)

23 Voluptuous queen's massaged after massage and, finally, massage (10)

24 Objects to topless curves (4)

25 Take the opportunity to playfully go into lake (3,1,4-2)

26 Blast of sulphur in belly (4)

Down

1 A dictator's cold-blooded growth (7)

2 Reverend's transported highland bird (8)

3 Hang around with militia, war somewhat upcoming! (5)

4 Denies comic senior invested in retiring quietly! (9)

5 In France, the fever for championship... (6)

6 ... slides when sports clothing is worn by princess (6)

9 Unkempt head on girl with blonde locks (6,4)

12 Male identification found on vehicle halfway to France? (10)

15 Donors desperately following cavalry regularly brought about river of blood? (6,3)

17 Strong metal ones cutting transformed mutant (8)

18 Name removed from grants delivering preparations in advance (7)

19 Moonshine in Africa is uncooked, thrown up by a soldier (6)

20 Drink, albeit improperly prepared (6)

22 Clearly held up in Saudi culture (5)