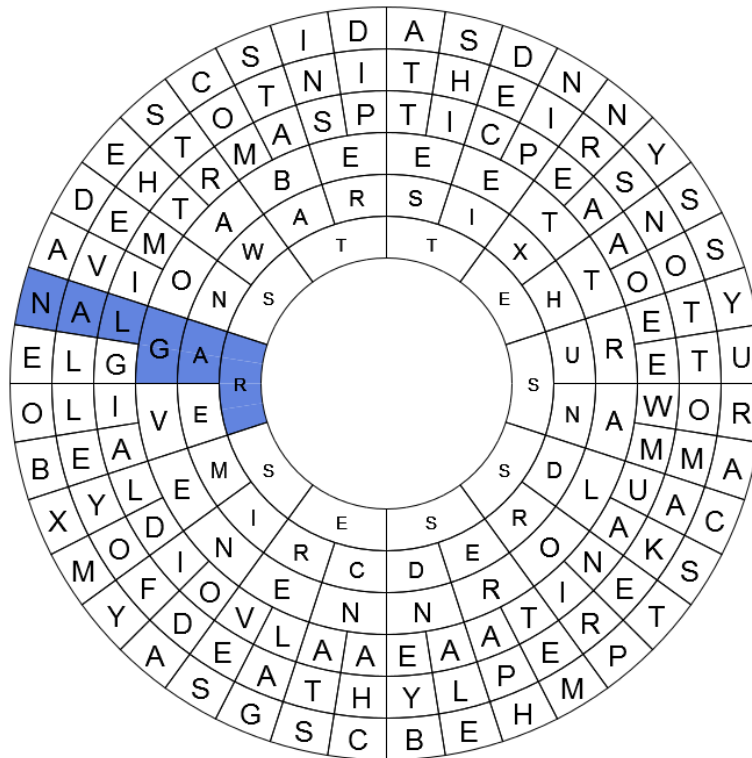


Military Clobber by Curmudgeon (solution)



Redundant letters produced by the wordplay gave 'SHADE THE COMMANDER WHO GAVE THE ORIGINAL ORDER' RAGLAN gave the order for the SIX HUNDRED to charge INTO THE VALLEY OF DEATH on October 25th, 1854, during the CRIMEAN WAR. Tennyson's poem *The Charge of the Light Brigade* claims that it was THEIRS NOT TO MAKE REPLY. The title is an ambiguous reference both to the raglan garment and to the massive military defeat.

- 1 S: ATTEST [S]AT TEST
- 2 H: SHIEST IHS (rev) on EST[H]
- 3 A: DECEIT ICEDTE[A]*
- 4 D: TIEPIN TI[D]E + NIP (rev)
- 5 E: EXTERN EX-RN round TE[E]
- 6 T: EXTASY X and Y with S[T]ATE (rev)
- 7 H: SNATHE [H]ANDS less D(exterity) (rev) + THE
- 8 E: SOOTHE (SHOETO[E])*
- 9 C: SURETY [C]URE in STY
- 10 O: UTERUS [O]UTER + US
- 11 M: ROWANS SWAR[M] ON*
- 12 M: AMMANS [M]AMMAS round N
- 13 A: CAULDS L[A]DS after C(at)A(ro)U(nd)
- 14 N: SKALDS S + K + LA[N]DS*
- 15 D: TENORS RO[D]ENTS*
- 16 E: PRIORS P[E]R + (b)l(g)O(t)R + S
- 17 R: METRES TE[R]M (rev) + RES
- 18 W: SERAPH [W]ARES (rev) + P(ottery) E(arthenware)
- 19 H: ELANDS [H]ANDLES*
- 20 O: BY-ENDS B[O]Y+ ENDS

21 G: CHANCE CHAN[G]E round C
22 A: STANCE (L)ANC[A]STE(r)*
23 V: GALERE GALE + RE[V]
24 E: SEVERE SE[E](M) + EVER*
25 T: ADONIS ADO + NI[T]S
26 H: SINIFY FINIS[H] (rev) + Y
27 E: MODEMS MO + DE[E]MS
28 O: XYLEMS XL round Y + S[O]ME (rev)
29 R: BEAVER REVE[R]B (rev) round A
30 I: OLIVER 2 mngs OLIVER/OLIV[I]ER
31 G: RAGGLE [G]AGGLE round R
32 I: RAGLAN R + AGA[I]N round L
33 N: AVIONS AS round VI[N] + ON
34 A: DEMONS MA[D]E No + s(erious)
35 L: SWATHE (HEA[L]S W(ris)T)*
36 O: STRAWS S[O] WARTS (rev)
37 R: COMBAT COMB + TA[R]
38 D: STAB AT STAB + [D]AT
39 E: INSERT IN + TRE[E]S (rev)
40 R: TREPID (STIR[R]ED UP less US)*