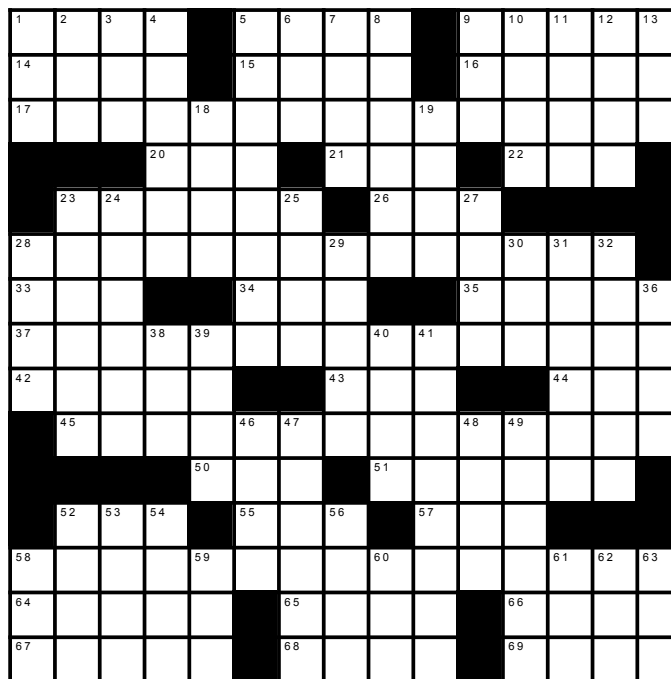


"Platoon Lieder": the Official Crossword by Michael Hanko and George Barany

ACROSS

1. Hurt permanently, as with a traumatic experience
5. Spicy tea
9. One place Lieutenant Hanko found pleasure in Germany
14. New Rochelle alma mater of "American Pie" singer-songwriter Don McLean
15. Informs on (a gay soldier)
16. Basmati and jasmine
17. How Michael financed Princeton — at great emotional cost
20. "___ in the Shade" (musical by the team that created "The Fantasticks")
21. Mal de ___ (fancy name for seasickness)
22. 1LT Hanko, to LTC Hanko
23. Anatomically, towards the extremities
26. Where to see "Ninotchka" in the 21st Century
28. Titillating setting in basic training where Cadet Hanko feared he'd give himself away as gay
33. How 2 rite "once more" on yr phone
34. Fruit from which Japanese plum wine is made
35. ___ Mirza, #1 ranked Indian women's tennis player since 2003
37. Humiliating physical fitness event that was Michael's first sign that he was not cut out for Army life
42. Black balls on Mexican pool tables
43. What Cadet Hanko could barely do without his glasses in the 28-Across
44. From ___ B, Dorothy Parker's assessment of the emotional range of Katherine Hepburn
45. One of the heinous misdeeds for which Lieutenant Hanko was written up by his commander
50. Waste watchers: Abbr.
51. Ready to propagate
52. The Theatre Cat in a poem by T.S. Eliot
55. Here in Paris
57. Opposite of 15-Across
58. Military policy that came too late to do Lieutenant Hanko any good
64. Along with lieder, components of Michael's singing repertoire
65. Advanced
66. Peaceful, not-so-smart race in "The Time Machine"
67. What Michael and Barry might have exchanged in lieu of letters if they had been together 20 years later
68. "Tiger in your tank" company
69. Prepare carrots for succotash



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DOWN

1. How Lieutenant Hanko addressed Colonel Horn (to his face)
2. Murmur sweet nothings
3. Army ___
4. One kind of prejudice in which the Army leads society in eradicating
5. ___ Grove, 1942 site of America's worst-ever nightclub fire
6. WTF?
7. Democritus' indivisible particle of matter
8. Specks in the sea
9. Revered name in Boston sports
10. Use a latrine, in soldier-speak
11. Mute nymph who was in love with Narcissus
12. Michael had to ___ in his flamboyance to survive in the Army
13. Shakespearean snake
18. In ___, Latin for "in place"
19. Bend the spine
23. Circus routine involving Chihuahuas
24. Abbrev. that might appear in an overly confident blog comment (anagram of SHIMON)
25. What becomes ewe?
27. "It's a ___ Unusual Day," song abysmally sung by a Miss America contestant coached by Kramer on "Seinfeld"
28. Baja resort area
29. Lab line?
30. "Do ___ Diddy Diddy" (1964 hit, since used as a military marching cadence)
31. Bring to a boil?
32. Lost control en masse
36. Status of a gay LT who misses morning formation because of drunkenness
38. Boo-___, factored French for "mucho"
39. Salinger title teenager
40. Mormon prophet (sounds like a Pennsylvania college town)
41. Tilt with a curve, as when you wish to retain control of your motorcycle
46. "Breaking ___ Hard to Do"
47. Witch's laugh
48. "___ it bliss? Don't you approve?"
49. How a soldier feels after a week of leave, ideally
52. Democrat who was in office when 58-Across was passed
53. Windows alternative
54. ASAP : soldiers :: ___ : doctors
56. Time of month to beware
58. "___ Boot"
59. A tormenting vision in the 28-Across, perhaps
60. Switch positions
61. Drugmaker Lilly
62. Tone-___, hip-hop artist popular while Lieutenant Hanko was stationed in Germany
63. Michael lived one for eight years in exchange for college tuition