Crossword 15,542 Set by Mudd

ACROSS
1 Strength shown by prisoner rescued by extraordinary heroes before end of war (10)
7 Fortune in very large inheritance, ultimately (4)
9 Scandinavian somewhat off in Norway? (4)
10 Film in right lughole, might you say? (4,6)
11 Scandinavian was forced to admit error after volte-face (6)
12 Dope after sweetheart, attractive thing (8)
13 Something sent round (8)
15 Gas bypassing heart in strong animals (4)
17 Crew after a word of agreement (4)
19 Negotiate honestly in secret (2,3,3)
22 Interval required to reverse X and 1 (8)
23 Heading off, nurse clutching a charm (6)
25 Again paint crimson and green with speed (10)
26 Central part of tour takes in a hot island (4)
27 Let It Be, Beatles hit, the best by all conclusions (4)
28 Three-D art, perhaps, last seen in Giza – The Pyramids (10)

DOWN
2 Start to cut around article on masculine eastern art (7)
3 Nonagenarian, I sense, only partially climbing mountain (5)
4 Opening that may be on the starboard side, however? (8)
5 Predict on a farce, other winds going in a particular direction (7,8)
6 In boxing arena, I’ve taken a painful blow for sport! (6)
7 Spooner’s communications device in a warren? That’s a sensitive place (5,4)
8 Couple with female turning up in book (7)
14 Europe, say, on the money, in the money! (9)
16 Film the Church time and time again, and the rest (2,6)
18 Pole rescuing female, a lifesaver (3,4)
20 Hide drug in foam (7)
21 Bobby revealed an unsatisfactory alibi? (3-3)
24 Unmanned aircraft finished touring Russian capital (5)

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