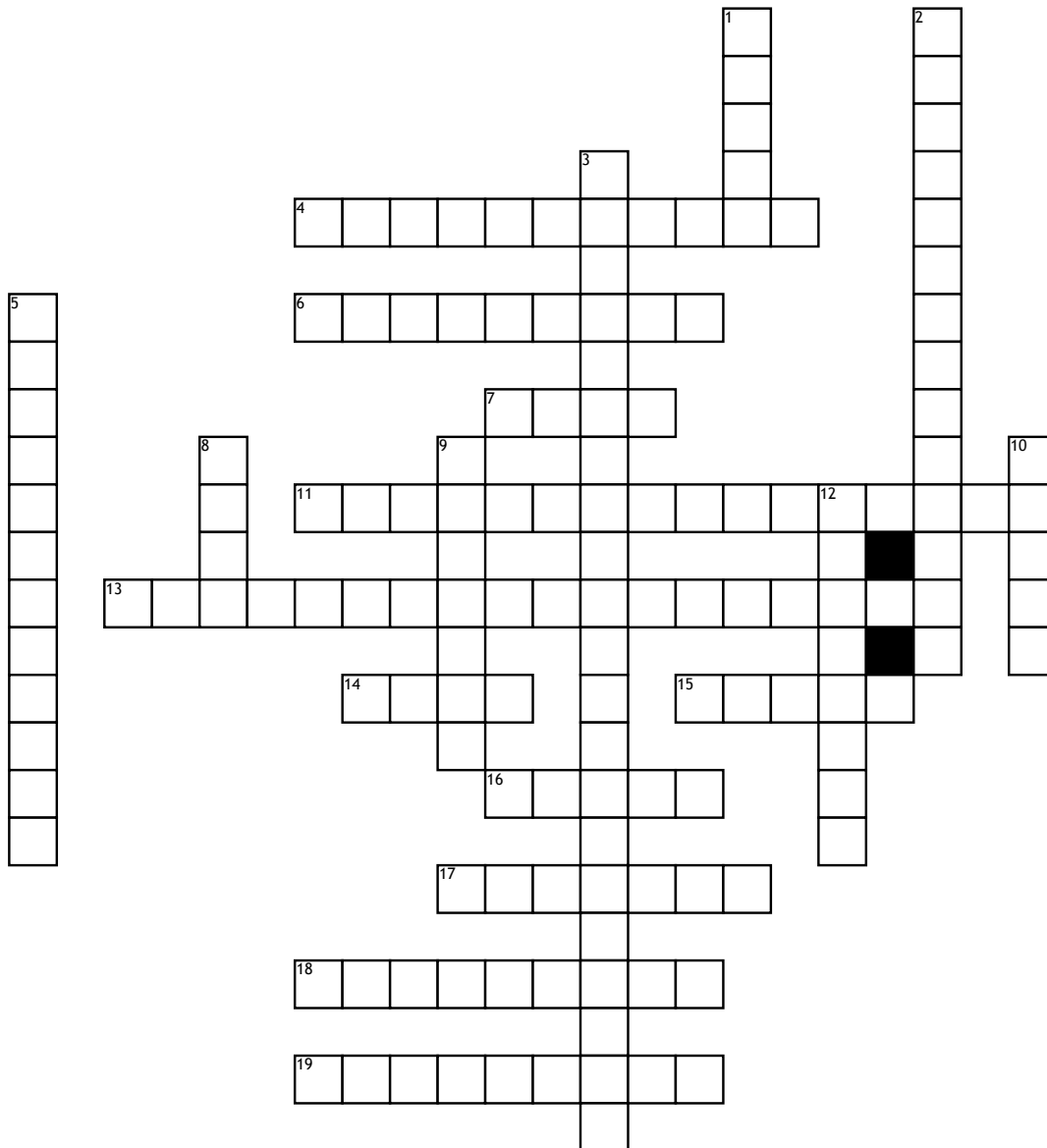


MILITARY USE OF CHILDREN IN ASIA/OCEANIA



Across

4. Some children are used as suicide bombers and gunmen.

6. Children have been systematically recruited and in 1998 had 3,000 child soldiers.

7. Children as young as ten were subjected to military training, sometimes for 14 hours a day.

11. Children are used as messengers, couriers, fighters and suicide bombers.

13. Troops were created of boys aged twelve and up.

14. Children as young as six are recruited or kidnapped and sent to military camps where they practice beheading with dolls and provide blood transfusions for soldiers.

15. An estimated 6,000-9,000 children serve in communist party forces.

16. Volunteers can join the Navy from the age of 16 1/2 and the Air Force from the age of 17.

17. Children are especially trained for military service and have been used in both sides in the civil war.

18. Personnel can enlist with parental consent from the age of 17.

19. Males who have reached the age of 18 are required to enroll in the military.

Down

1. Rebel factions have been using child soldiers in roles ranging from sniper to suicide bomber.

2. An estimated 13 percent of the 10,000 soldiers are children.

3. Thousand of children were exploited to commit mass murders and other inhuman acts.

5. As many as 70,000 boys serve in the national army with children as young as 11 forcibly recruited off the streets.

8. Children were sent to the front as waves of human shields.

9. Cadets, trainees and technical personnel can enlist from the age of 15.

10. As many as 500-600 children are either killed or wounded through tribal combat every year.

12. Child abductions have resulted in thousands of children in the ranks of rebel military groups.