

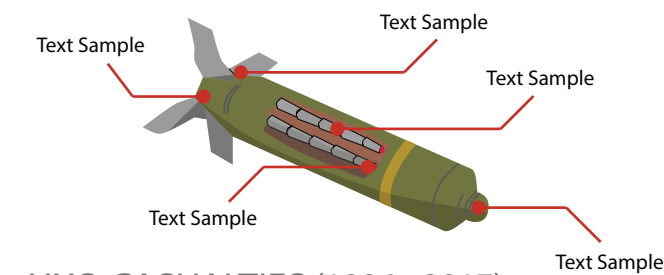
# IMPACTS OF THE LAO SECRET WAR

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## THE IMPACT

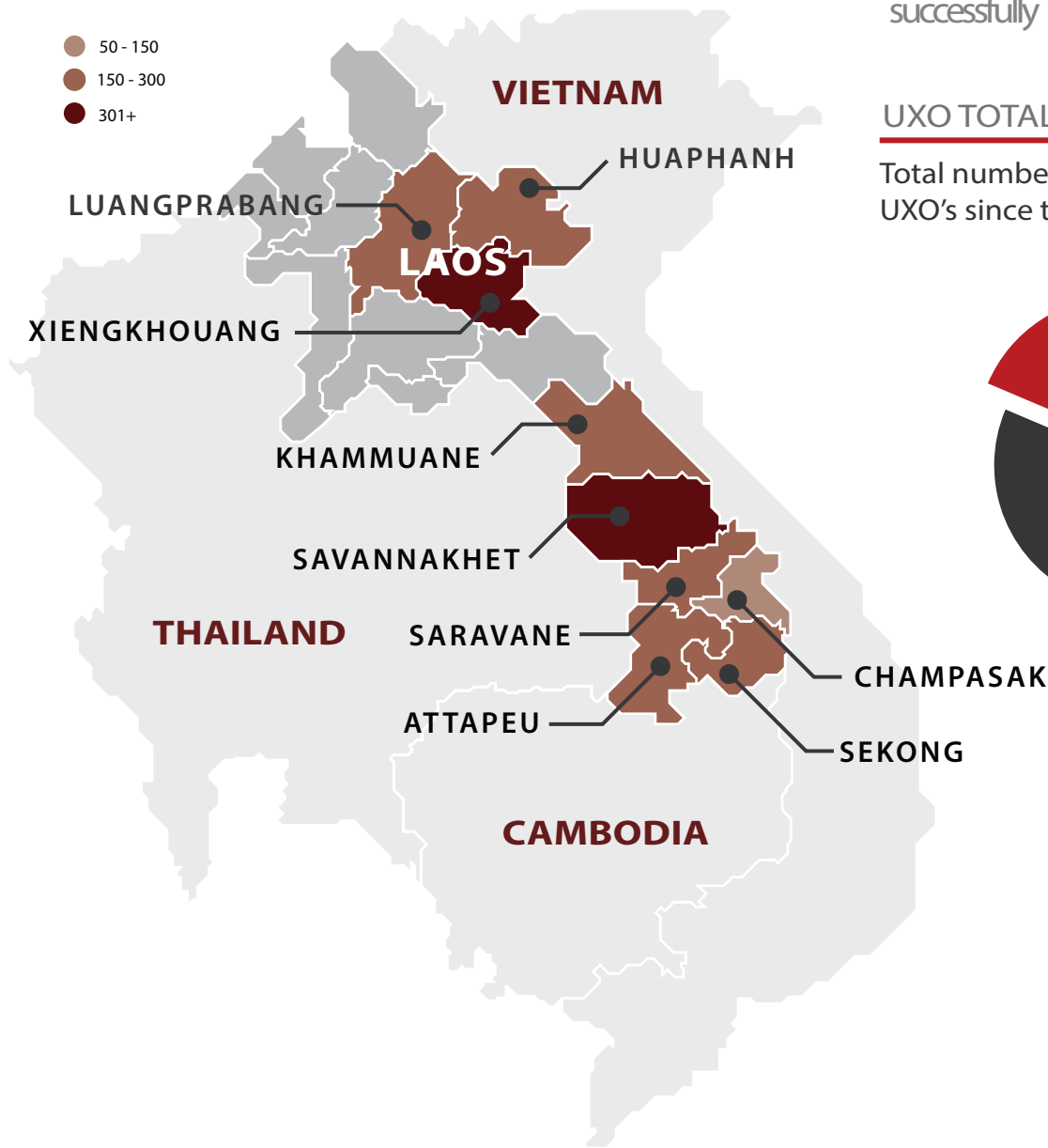
### CLUSTER BOMB

Over 270 million cluster bombs were dropped on Laos during the Secret War.

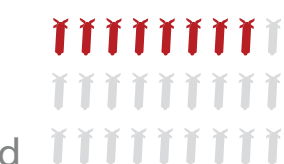


### UXO CASUALTIES (1996 - 2017)

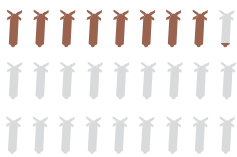
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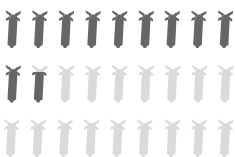
**80 MILLION**  
Bombs failed to detonate



**81 MILLION**  
Bombs still active



**109 MILLION**  
Bombs used successfully



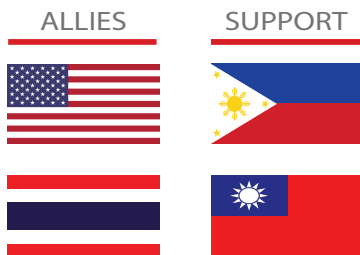
**UXO TOTAL IMPACT**  
Total number of casualties by UXO's since the start of the war.



**38.5 THOUSAND**  
Victims were adults

**11.5 THOUSAND**  
Victims were children

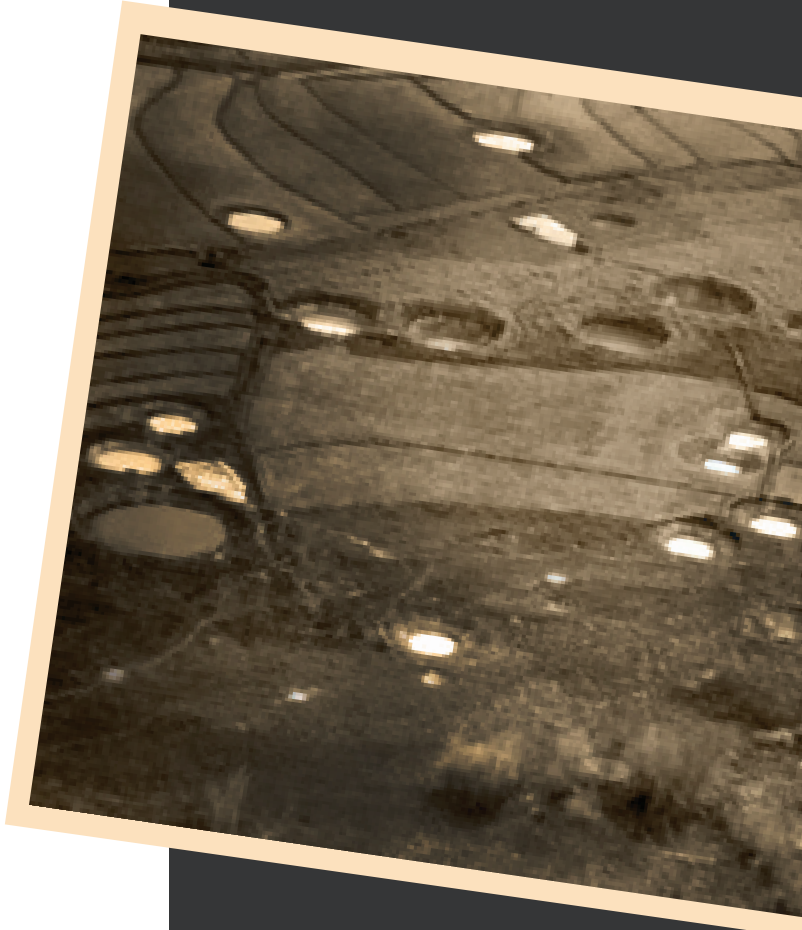
## LAO CIVIL WAR



The two warring factions during the Lao civil war between 1953 and 1973

More sample text about the civil war that occurred during the vietnam war. Something about communist and democracy and such and such.

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## LAO CIVIL WAR

**1953 - 1975**  
The events that marked each stage of the civil war

### PRELUDE TO WAR

**1945**  
World War II ends. A Lao nationalist movement called Lao Issara founded.

**1946**  
French reconquers Laos. Lao Issara defeated, fled to Hanoi.

### MOBILIZE AND CLASH

**1951**  
Military movement Pathet Lao founded. Royal Lao Army begins growing.

**1953**  
Pathet Lao with N. Vietnam invades Laos, beginning civil war. French defeated, withdraws from Laos.

**1955**  
U.S. begin Operation Missions to fund Lao military.

### THE SECRET WAR

**1964 - 1973**  
U.S. dropped more than two million tons of ordnance on Laos. Up to a third of bombs dropped did not explode.

### THE PROLOUGE

**1973**  
U.S. withdraws from Laos. Royal Lao Government falls to Pathet Lao. Hundreds of thousands of refugees fled the country, resettling in U.S.