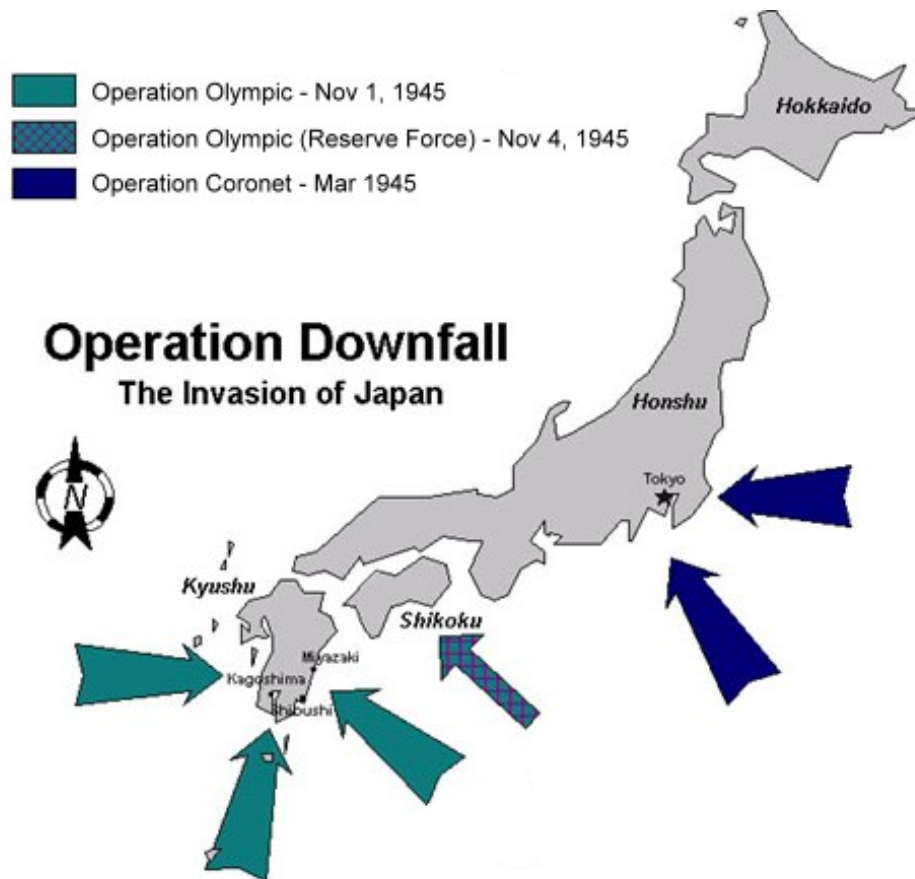


The Final Battle



1. What happened on September 2nd, 1945?
2. Why did Paul Fussell and Arthur Campbell see the atomic bomb as a “deliverance”?
3. What did President Truman have as an objective?
4. In the Fall of 1945, what was the alternative to the atomic bomb?

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5. What did the Americans and Japanese think of each other?

6. Why did the war in the Pacific start?

7. Why was the Pacific war different from the one in Europe?

8. What was the “stated policy” of the U.S government towards Japan?

9. Why was this “culturally impossible” to the Japanese?

10. Describe the morale of European war veterans in the Summer of 1945? **WHY?**

11. What was the objective for the invasion of Kyushu?

12. What was the Japanese attitude towards “defending the homeland”?

13. Describe how prepared the Japanese were fo an invasion.

14. What were Kamikazes?

15. What was to be the role of Japanese civilians during the invasion?

16. If poison gas was used, what was the estimated death count?

- 17.. What would have happened to Allied prisoners of war once Japan was invaded?

18. From December 7, 1941 to September 2, 1945, **(45 months)** the United States had approximately 1,080,000 casualties. Historical consensus estimates how many U.S casualties would have occurred for the six month invasion of Japan?



Nearly 500,000 Purple Heart medals were manufactured in anticipation of the casualties resulting from the invasion of Japan.

To the present date, all the American military casualties of the sixty years following the end of World War II - including the Korean and Vietnam Wars - have not exceeded that number.

In 2003, there were still 120,000 of these Purple Heart medals in stock. There are so many in surplus that combat units in Iraq and Afghanistan are able to keep Purple Hearts on-hand for immediate award to wounded soldiers on the field.

19. What would have happened if the Soviets would have invaded Japan?

20. How many died in the two atomic bomb attacks? How many would have died in an invasion?



21. In the above cartoon, what is the meaning of the ghostly soldier labeled "avoided costs"?
(sentence)

22. What do you think is the cartoonist's attitude toward the dropping of atomic bombs on Japan?
Cite evidence. (paragraph)