OPERATION DOWNFALL CASUALTY ESTIMATES

ACTUAL US CASUALTIES AT IWO JIMA AND OKINAWA COMPARED TO ESTIMATED LOSSES FOR OPERATION DOWNFALL PLANNED FOR NOV 1945

* Wounded, killed and total casualties shown as a % of US invasion forces

Planned Allied Invasion Force: 6m

US invasion force: 160,000

Planned Allied Invasion Force: 6m

US invasion force: 110,000

1. The number of US troops killed at the Battles of Iwo Jima and Okinawa was 24,300, some 22% of all US troops killed in the Pacific War.

2. US Troops killed in the Pacific War were 110,000 versus 300,000 killed in the war in Europe.

3. Using the US Secretary of War's base estimate, without the atom bomb some 377,000 US troops would have been killed in the Pacific War - significantly exceeding the war in Europe.

4. It should be noted that 1m of the 6m troops earmarked for Operation Downfall were British of whom an estimated 66,000 would have been killed using BASE assumptions as shown.

5. The Secretary of War Department estimated 5-10m Japanese civilians killed but at the same ratio as Okinawa (25% Killed) the number would have been 15m civilians killed.

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