

# Operation Downfall

The invasion of Japan was planned in two phases. It would begin with Operation Olympic on Nov. 1, 1945, an amphibious operation a third larger than the D-Day landing in Europe. Once Olympic captured the southernmost island of Kyushu, it would be followed on March 1, 1946, by Operation Coronet against the main Japanese island of Honshu. About 2 million US troops were projected to participate in Operation Downfall.

