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The Ketsu-Go (Operation Decisive) plans for the defense of Japan against the anticipated Allied invasion focused on inflicting maximum casualties to break the American will to continue the war, rather than on holding territory. This involved a multi-pronged strategy utilizing all available forces, including kamikaze attacks, suicide boats and submarines, and a fanatical defense of the beaches and interior.

Here's a more detailed breakdown:

Kamikaze Attacks:

The core of the plan relied on waves of kamikaze attacks against the Allied invasion fleet, particularly the troop transports, both before and during the landings. @

Naval and Submarine Warfare:

The Japanese planned to deploy their remaining surface fleet, hundreds of midget submarines, and thousands of suicide boats in attacks on the Allied ships.

Beach Defense:

If the Allied forces managed to land, they would face fierce resistance from Japanese troops, including suicide frogmen, and a network of fortified positions in the interior.

Breaking the Will to Fight:

The Japanese leadership believed that inflicting massive casualties on the invading forces, particularly on the beaches, would lead to a decline in American public support for the war, potentially leading to a negotiated peace.

No Prisoners:

The plan also reflected a no-prisoners policy, with the expectation that captured American soldiers would be treated brutally or killed.

All-Out Effort:

Ketsu-Go involved the mobilization of virtually all remaining Japanese forces and resources, including civilians, for the defense of the homeland.

The plan was based on the assumption that the American public would not tolerate the high casualties expected from the invasion of Japan and would be willing to negotiate a peace settlement that preserved Japan's political system.

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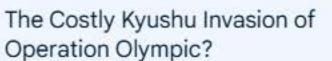
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