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It is our hope that present and future generations of Americans and students of military history around the world will take encouragement from it, realizing that, although we were small in number and usually outmanned and outgunned, our special team spirit, combined with good training, allowed us to prevail and help advance the all-important cause of Freedom, especially during the darkest days of World War II.

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