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Their success immediately ranked among the greatest peacetime feats of the Army and the nation, and it remains so to this day.--
