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preparations for war knew successes as well as failures, that French

defeat was not inevitable, and that the Battle of France