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 A daring group of Norwegian resistance fighters blocked the Nazi nuclear weapon program by sabotaging a key facility.

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The diminutive man with a great mind who revolutionized the US Navy.

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Did the Russians sink the submarine USS Scorpion in 1968 as an act of revenge?

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We came close to losing but courage, ingenuity, and new technology turned the tide.

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The debate over whether Norwegian resistance did enough to save Norway’s Jews in WW II.

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Your medical consent form was influenced by the Nuremberg trial of Nazi doctors.

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