

Wednesday, May 3

ON THIS DAY



▲ **2004:** Air France merged with the Dutch airline KLM, creating Europe's largest airline

1810: The poet Lord Byron swam the Dardenelles strait in Turkey, separating the Ottoman empire from Europe, in one hour and 20 minutes

1965: The first U.S. Army combat troops, 3,500 men of the 173rd Airborne Brigade, arrived in Vietnam

1971: Erich Honecker succeeded Walter Ulbricht as First Secretary of the Communist Party in East Germany

1999: The body of British climber George Mallory was found on Mount Everest, 75 years after his death