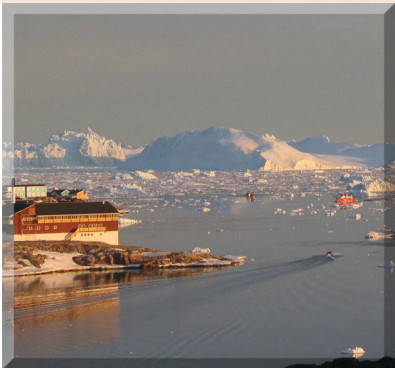


Monday, September 15

ON THIS DAY



▲ **2007:** Melting sea ice in the Arctic Ocean opened up the Northwest Passage, clearing a long-sought but historically impassable route between Europe and Asia

53AD: Roman emperor Marcus Ulpius Trajanus was born near Seville, Spain

1776: British forces occupied New York during the American Revolution

1975: Civil war broke out in Beirut, Lebanon

2007: Former World Rally champion Colin McRae was killed with his five year-old son and two family friends when his helicopter crashed near his home in Scotland