

**Wednesday, December 24**

# *ON THIS DAY*



▲ **1922: Sultry Hollywood star Ava Gardner was born as Lucy Johnson**

**1524:** Portuguese navigator Vasco da Gama, who discovered the sea route to India via the Cape, died

**1828: William Burke went on trial in Edinburgh, charged with murder and graverobbing to sell corpses for medical research**

**1942:** German research scientists successfully tested a new surface-to-surface weapon, the V1 Flying Bomb

**2002: A new Metro railway system in Delhi, India, was swamped by over a million people keen to be the first passengers to use the new trains**