## Wednesday, April 1

## ON THIS DAY



▲ 1918: Britain's Royal Air Force was formed by an amalgamation of the Royal Flying Corps and Royal Naval Air Force

1795: Martial law was declared in France after food shortages sparked riots

1939: Nationalist forces in Spain declared an official end to the Spanish Civil War

**1976:** German painter and sculptor Max Ernst, founder of the Dada group, died

1996: The merger of Japan's Mitsubishi Bank and Bank of Tokyo created the world's largest bank