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ON THIS DAY



▲ **1915: German troops launched the first major gas attack of World War One at the second battle of Ypres**

1451: Isabella of Castille, one of Spain's greatest monarchs, was born

1760: A Belgian musician wore the first known pair of roller skates

1985: The trial opened in Argentina of nine former leaders of the military junta, including General Leopoldo Galtieri

2008: With still no result declared in Zimbabwe's presidential election, claims emerged that MDC supporters were being tortured, abducted and even murdered in a campaign of political retribution