

Saturday, April 25

ON THIS DAY



▲ **1982: British actress Dame Celia Johnson, best known for her role in the 1945 film *Brief Encounter*, died**

1859: Work began on the construction of the Suez Canal, under the direction of Ferdinand de Lesseps

1874: Italian physicist Guglielmo Marconi, inventor of radio telegraphy, was born

1980: Eight U.S. commandos died in a helicopter crash in an abortive attempt to rescue hostages in Iran

2007: Astronomers announced the discovery of the most Earth-like, and potentially habitable, planet outside our Solar System to date