Tuesday, May 19

ON THIS DAY



▲ 1802: Napoleon, First Consul of France, created the Legion d'Honneur, an order of distinction for civil or military service

1536: Anne Boleyn, second wife of King Henry VIII of England, was executed for adultery

1900: Britain annexed the Pacific island nation of Tonga

1953: The 100,000th Holden, the most popular make of car in Australia, rolled off the assembly line in Melbourne

2008: The European Commission granted the first licence to market a vaccine in preparation for a

pandemic of H5N1 bird flu in Europe

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