

Friday, July 3

ON THIS DAY



▲ **1863: The U.S. Civil War Battle of Gettysburg ended in a major victory for the Union over Confederate troops. Some 7,000 men are believed to have died in the three-day battle**

1608: French explorer Samuel Champlain founded Quebec

1905: Tsar Nicholas II's troops killed more than 6,000 people in Odessa to restore order as strikes paralysed much of Russia

1962: Following a referendum, France declared the independence of Algeria

2008: NASA announced the discovery of water in the atmosphere of Mercury by its Messenger probe