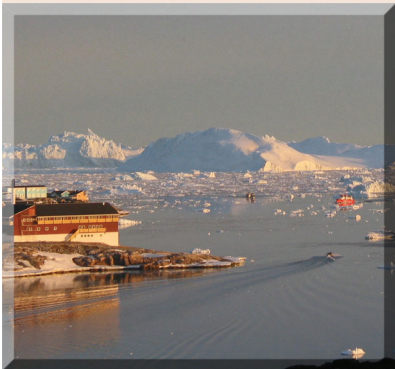


Tuesday, September 15

ON THIS DAY



▲ **2007:** Melting sea ice in the Arctic Ocean opened up the Northwest Passage, clearing a long-sought but historically impassable route between Europe and Asia

53AD: Roman emperor Marcus Ulpius Trajanus was born near Seville, Spain

1916: Military tanks were first sent into action as part of the allied offensive at the Battle of the Somme

1975: Civil war broke out in Beirut, Lebanon

2008: The 158-year-old Wall Street bank Lehman Brothers declared itself bankrupt, triggering a collapse of major financial institutions