

Sunday, February 14

ON THIS DAY



▲ **1946: The ENIAC electronic brain, or computer, went into operation, taking seconds to do calculations which had formerly taken hours**

1779: British explorer Captain James Cook was stabbed to death by natives in the Sandwich Islands, now Hawaii

1939: The German battleship *Bismarck* was launched

1989: Skyphone, the first satellite telephone service, was launched on a British Airways flight to New York

2009: Two missiles fired from U.S. drone aircraft killed at least 25 people, including foreign militants, in South Waziristan, Pakistan