Friday, June 18

ON THIS DAY



the youngest daughter of Russia's last Tsar, Nicholas II, was born. She was murdered with the rest of her family by the Bolsheviks in July 1918

1953: The new Republic of Egypt was proclaimed

1975: The first oil came ashore from British oilfields in the North Sea

1994: British, American and French troops withdrew from Berlin after guarding the city for almost 50 years

2009: A Boeing 777 flying 247 people from Brussels, Belgium, to Newark, New Jersey, landed safely after the 60-year-old pilot died in mid-flight