

Friday, December 17

ON THIS DAY



▲ **1843:** Charles Dickens' popular seasonal tale, *A Christmas Carol*, was published

1903: The Wright Brothers made the first manned flight in a powered aircraft at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina

1939: The German battleship Graf Spee was scuttled by her crew in Uruguay's River Plate

1967: Australian prime minister Harold Holt was drowned while swimming in the sea near Melbourne

2009: American actress Jennifer Jones, who won the Best Actress Oscar for her role in *The Song of Bernadette* (1943), died at age 90