



Today in History

August 18, 1932

▲ **Scottish aviator Jim Mollison made the first westbound transatlantic solo flight, from Portmarnock in Ireland, to Pennfield, New Brunswick, in Canada**

1933: Oscar-winning movie director Roman Polanski was born in Paris of Polish parents

1965: Operation Starlite, the first major U.S. ground operation in Vietnam, began

1980: Canadian pathologist Elizabeth Stern Shankman, who described the histological changes for the early diagnosis of cervical cancer, died

2002: Massing flooding devastated much of central Europe, claiming over 100 lives