

A sepia-toned portrait of Hideki Tojo, a Japanese military leader. He is an older man with a mustache and glasses, wearing a Japanese military uniform with a high collar and several rows of medals on his chest. The background is a solid dark brown.

Today in History

September 8, 1945

▲ Hideki Tojo, Japan's World War Two prime minister, attempted suicide rather than face a war crimes tribunal. The attempt failed and he was found guilty and hanged

1949: German composer Richard Strauss died; his work included operas such as *Der Rosenkavalier*

2004: NASA's *Genesis* space capsule returned to Earth following a two-year mission to collect samples of solar wind

2007: The Red Cross recovered the bodies of 11 Colombian legislators shot dead by FARC rebels

2011: Twitter announced that they had over 100 million active users