



## Today in History

*October 15, 1917*

▲ **Mata Hari, the stage name of Dutch exotic dancer and courtesan, the most famous spy of World War One, was executed by firing squad outside Paris**

**1881:** British author P.G. (Pelham Grenville) Wodehouse, who created the characters of Bertie Wooster and his valet Jeeves, was born,

**1997:** The British jet car ThrustSSC broke the sound barrier on land to set a new speed record of 763mph

**2003:** China became the third country to launch a man into space

**2005:** The deadly H5N1 strain of bird flu was found in Romania, the first appearance of the flu in Europe