



Today in History

June 21, 1948

▲ **Columbia Records introduced the first successful long-playing records, made of Vinylite plastic and rotating at 33 and a third revolutions per minute**

1919: The captured German fleet scuttled itself at Scapa Flow in Scotland

1985: Forensic scientists confirmed that a skeleton exhumed in Brazil was that of Auschwitz doctor Josef Mengele

2003: Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix, J.K. Rowling's fifth book about the schoolboy wizard, went on sale

2003: The Eiffel Tower was illuminated with 20,000 new lights at a festive ceremony in Paris