



## Today in History

*July 5, 2003*

▲ The global Sars outbreak was finally contained as Taiwan was dropped from a list of virus hotspots. The epidemic killed 800 people worldwide

**1943:** The Second World War Battle of Kursk Salient between Russian and German forces began

**1962:** Algeria formally declared independence from France following a brutal eight-year war

**1980:** Bjorn Borg won Wimbledon for the fifth consecutive year

**2007:** Scientists announced the discovery off Hawaii of a possible new species of cephalopod, dubbed an “octosquid”