



Today in History

March 27, 1814

▲ French physician Joseph-Ignace Guillotin, who proposed a mechanical device for beheading people, died. The guillotine was subsequently named after him

1814: Over 800 Native Americans were killed in a battle with U.S. troops at the Battle of Horseshoe Bend in Alabama

1914: The first successful blood transfusion took place in Brussels

1994: A prototype of the four-nation Eurofighter aircraft made a successful test flight in Germany

2005: Pope John Paul II appeared at his window in St Peter's Square to give his Easter blessing but failing health left him unable to speak