



Today in History

August 4, 1914

▲ **What would become the First World War engulfed more of Europe as Britain became the latest of the great powers to declare war on Germany**

1693: French Benedictine monk Dom Perignon is traditionally said to have invented champagne on this day

1944: The Nazis discovered the hiding place of Anne Frank and her family in Amsterdam, Holland

1961: Barack Obama, the 44th and current President of the United States, was born in Honolulu, Hawaii

2011: Five days after Syrian forces and tanks stormed Hama, the toll of civilian casualties exceeded 200