



Today in History

August 27, 1859

▲ The world's first commercially productive oil well was drilled near Titusville, Pennsylvania, sparking the rise of America's multibillion-dollar oil industry

1914: British naval forces lured German ships into a trap at Heligoland Bight during World War One

1939: The world's first jet-propelled aeroplane, the Heinkel 178, made its first flight in northern Germany

1964: The musical film Mary Poppins, starring Julie Andrews, was released. It went on to win five Oscars

1979: Lord Mountbatten, a relative of the British royal family, was killed by an IRA bomb on board his boat