



Today in History

October 5, 1914

▲ Two months after the outbreak of the First World War, French and German aircraft exchanged machine gun fire in one of the earliest battles in aerial warfare

1864: French inventor Louis Lumiere, who with his elder brother, Auguste, pioneered filmmaking with the cinematograph, was born

1964: Fifty-seven East German refugees escaped to the West by tunnelling under the Berlin Wall

1989: The Dalai Lama was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize

1996: Fifty countries adopted a declaration calling for a global ban on anti-personnel land mines