



Today in History

August 20, 1940

▲ Winston Churchill famously paid tribute to the airmen of the Battle of Britain, “Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few”

1940: Soviet revolutionary Leon Trotsky was killed with an ice axe in Mexico

1955: Algerian fighters killed 123 civilians, including 71 French, during the independence war from France

1980: The first successful solo ascent of Mount Everest was achieved by Reinhold Messner, without the use of supplementary oxygen

1995: Monica Seles won a tennis tournament two years after being stabbed on court by a deranged fan