

A portrait of Haile Selassie, former Emperor of Ethiopia, in a military uniform. He is wearing a light-colored uniform with a red sash and a cap with a red band. He has a grey beard and is looking slightly to the left.

## Today in History

*August 27, 1975*

▲ **Haile Selassie, deposed emperor of Ethiopia, died under house arrest. Officially attributed to natural causes, rumours persist that he was murdered**

**1910:** Thomas Edison demonstrated the first talking motion pictures

**1993:** The Rainbow Bridge, a suspension bridge across Tokyo Bay in Japan, lit at night by red, white and green lights, was completed

**2007:** Forest fires in southern Greece claimed 67 lives

**2009:** English teenager Michael Perham, aged 17 years, 5 months, became the youngest person to sail solo around the globe