



Today in History

September 25, 2012

▲ **China's first aircraft carrier, the Liaoning, officially entered service, increasing regional tensions over Beijing's growing territorial ambitions**

1915: The Battle of Loos, in which the British first used poison gas against German troops, began in World War I

1932: Catalonia was briefly granted autonomy from Spain

1957: U.S. National Guardsmen led nine black students into an Arkansas school after state militia stopped them entering the racially segregated school

2000: Cathy Freeman became the first Australian Aborigine to win an individual Olympic gold medal