



Today in History

December 7, 1995

▲ A probe from the spacecraft Galileo entered the atmosphere of the planet Jupiter, providing scientists with a first detailed examination of the gas giant

1815: Michel Ney, the most famous of Napoleon's marshals, was executed by firing squad for treason

1905: Dutch-American astronomer Gerard Kuiper, after whom the Kuiper belt was named, was born

1934: The jet stream, bands of strong winds high above the the earth, was supposedly discovered by Wiley Post on a test flight into the stratosphere

1975: The Indonesian army swept into East Timor as civil war erupted