



Today in History

February 21, 1916

▲ **The Battle of Verdun, one of the bloodiest engagements of World War I, began. The 10-month battle left over 250,000 dead and a further half million wounded**

1741: English agriculturalist Jethro Tull died; he invented the seed drill and pioneered the planting of seeds in rows

1848: Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels published **The Communist Manifesto**

1866: Lucy B. Hobbs became the first woman to graduate from a dental school, in Cincinnati, Ohio

1995: Steve Fossett landed in Canada after becoming the first person to make a solo flight across the Pacific Ocean in a balloon