



## Today in History

*July 1, 1916*

▲ **Over 20,000 British soldiers were killed on the first day of the World War I Battle of the Somme, the heaviest ever one-day loss in British warfare**

**1916:** Coca-Cola officially launched its distinctive, hourglass shaped bottle

**1937:** Britain launched the world's first telephone emergency service

**1991:** The Warsaw Pact, the last vestige of the Cold War era Soviet bloc, was formally dissolved

**2010:** China's Huning Intercity High-Speed Railway opened between Shanghai and Nanjing, the journey taking 73 minutes with a top speed of 350km/h (217mph)