



## Today in History

*July 31, 1954*

▲ **K2, located on the Pakistan and China border and at 8,611 metres the world's second highest peak, was first climbed by an Italian expedition led by Ardito Desio**

**1970:** Britain's Royal Navy stopped giving out daily rations of rum

**2007:** The lost city of Rhakotis, some 700 years older than Alexandria, was found by underwater archaeologists

**2012:** U.S. swimmer Michael Phelps won a 19th medal to become the most prolific medallist in Olympic history

**2015:** Beijing was selected as host city of the 2022 Winter Olympics, making it the first city to host both the Summer and Winter Olympics