



## Today in History

*September 15, 1916*

▲ The tank was first used as part of a major British offensive at the Battle of the Somme. Although prone to break down, the potential of the new weapon was clear

**1821:** Independence was proclaimed for Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and El Salvador

**1928:** Penicillin was discovered by Scottish scientist Alexander Fleming

**1952:** The European Parliament, based in Strasbourg, came into being

**1996:** America's Presidential Medal of Freedom was presented to Rosa Parks, who sparked the civil rights movement when she refused to give up her bus seat to a white passenger