



Today in History

October 12, 1928

▲ The first use of an “iron lung” took place to treat a young patient suffering from polio. The medical ventilator enabled polio sufferers to breathe more normally

1915: British nurse Edith Cavell was shot by the Germans for helping allied soldiers in occupied Belgium in WW1

1991: Croatia's mediaeval walled city of Dubrovnik came under fire as the civil war escalated in Yugoslavia

1996: Rene Lacoste, last of the four French “Musketeers” who dominated tennis in the 1920s and 30s, died

2009: A group of fossils found in China was confirmed as the biggest of its kind in the world