



# Today in History

*February 14, 1778*

▲ **The American ship Ranger sailed into Quiberon Bay in France, receiving the first official salute to the newly adopted Stars and Stripes flag**

**1933:** The first telephone speaking clock came into operation in Paris

**1958:** Iraq and Jordan merged their kingdoms in the Arab Federation, with Iraq's King Faisal as head of state and King Hussein his deputy

**1973:** An Israeli fighter-jet shot down a Libyan passenger plane over the Sinai Desert, killing 74 people

**2016:** The UN reported that a record 3,545 civilians were killed in Afghanistan during 2015