



## Today in History

*May 15, 1928*

▲ **Australia's Flying Doctor service was launched in the state of Queensland, and flew over 20,000 miles in 50 flights in the first year alone**

**1718:** London lawyer James Puckle patented the world's first machine gun

**1923:** Listerine, named after Joseph Lister, the pioneer of antiseptics, was registered as a trademark

**1988:** The Soviet Union withdrew the first of its estimated 115,000 forces from Afghanistan after nine years

**2016:** Max Verstappen, aged 18, won the Spanish Grand Prix, becoming the youngest ever driver and the first Dutchman to win a Formula One race