



Today in History

September 25, 2012

▲ **China's first aircraft carrier, the Liaoning, officially entered service, increasing regional tensions over Beijing's growing territorial ambitions**

1513: Spanish explorer Vasco Nunez de Balboa became the first European to set eyes on the Pacific Ocean

1818: The first blood transfusion using human as opposed to animal blood was carried out in London

1998: Frenchman Benoit Lecomte reached the coast of Brittany after swimming across the Atlantic

2017: Iraqi Kurdistan voted in favour of independence, but the vote was dismissed as unconstitutional