



Today in History

February 17, 1864

▲ **The first successful attack by a submarine took place when the hand-propelled Confederate vessel Hunley sank a Union warship in the U.S. Civil War**

1405: Tamerlane, Mongol leader of an empire spanning the Mediterranean to India, died on an expedition to China

1600: Giordano Bruno was burned at the stake in Rome for suggesting stars were distant suns surrounded by their own planets

1945: A Soviet offensive forced the evacuation of the V2 rocket site in eastern Germany

1972: The Volkswagen Beetle reached worldwide sales of 15 million