



Today in History

March 7, 1945

▲ **The U.S. Army's 9th Armoured Division captured the last intact bridge over the Rhine at Remagen, Germany, hastening the end of World War II**

1809: French balloon pioneer Jean-Pierre Blanchard died shortly after a fall from his balloon in Holland

1836: Australia's Surveyor-General Robert Hoddle laid out the main streets of Melbourne

1917: The world's first jazz record, The Dixie Jazz Band One Step, was released by RCA Victor

2000: Yasser Arafat said he would declare Palestinian statehood with or without a peace deal with Israel