



Today in History

April 22, 1500

▲ **Navigator Pedro Alvares Cabral landed in Brazil and claimed it for Portugal under the terms of a treaty that divided the New World between Portugal and Spain**

1760: John Joseph Merlin, a Belgian inventor, wore the first known pair of roller skates at a party in London

1915: German troops launched the first major gas attack of World War One, releasing clouds of chlorine

1977: Optical fibre was first used for live telephone traffic, revolutionising the telecommunications industry

1995: The Tutsi-dominated Rwandan army opened fire on Hutu refugees in a refugee camp, killing hundreds