



## Today in History

*August 4, 1693*

▲ **French Benedictine monk Dom Perignon is traditionally said to have invented champagne on this day, although he did not intend to produce a sparkling wine**

**1870:** The Red Cross Society was founded in Britain, seven years after the international movement in Switzerland

**1957:** Argentine racing driver Juan Manuel Fangio won his fifth Formula One world championship

**1995:** Croatia launched an offensive to regain the enclave of Krajina, held by its Serb minority for four years

**1997:** Cathy Freeman became the first Australian aborigine to win gold at the athletics world championships