

A sepia-toned photograph showing soldiers in a field. In the foreground, a soldier in a helmet and combat gear is partially visible on the right. In the background, other soldiers are crouched in tall grass, and a helicopter is flying in the sky. The image has a historical, aged appearance.

## Today in History

*June 14, 1971*

▲ The New York Times published extracts from the Pentagon Papers, revealing that the U.S. had secretly enlarged the scope of its actions in the Vietnam War

**1822:** Charles Babbage proposed a mechanical engine, the forerunner of the modern computer, to calculate polynomial functions

**1964:** Nelson Mandela was sentenced to life imprisonment in South Africa

**1998:** Europe's longest suspension bridge was opened in Denmark

**2009:** Europe recorded its first death from H1N1 swine flu, days after it was labelled a global pandemic