



Today in History

July 3, 1962

▲ Hollywood star Tom Cruise was born. His latest movie, the sequel to Top Gun, took over \$100m in its opening weekend at the box office in May. He turns 60 today

1905: Troops killed more than 6,000 people in Odessa to restore order as strikes paralysed much of Russia

1962: Following a referendum, France declared the independence of Algeria

1988: The U.S. warship Vincennes shot down an Iran Airbus A300 during the Iran-Iraq war, killing all 290 aboard

2002: Steve Fossett landed in Australia, the first man to fly solo around the world in a balloon