



Today in History

July 27, 1949

▲ The first commercial jet airliner, Britain's De Havilland Comet, made its maiden flight. It was redesigned in 1954 following three crashes due to metal fatigue

1866: The first successful underwater telegraph cable was laid across the Atlantic Ocean

1953: The armistice ending the three-year Korean War was signed. The war claimed the lives of 2.5 million soldiers and civilians

1990: Belarus declared its independence from the Soviet Union

1995: Footprints preserved in volcanic ash proved humans were walking upright 3.7 million years ago