

GN43021 On this day in history Week34 - August 21-27



Today in History

August 21, 1942

▲ The Battle of Stalingrad began. The giant Motherland Calls statue commemorates the Soviet victory in the six-month battle, the Nazis' first major defeat of WWII

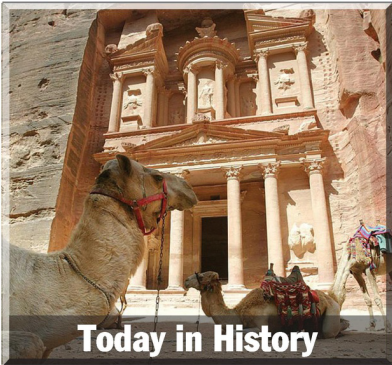
1888: U.S. inventor William Seward Burroughs was granted a patent for the first successful adding machine

1911: The Mona Lisa was stolen from the Louvre. It was recovered in 1913

1944: U.S. and Chinese troops fought the Battle of the Pusan Perimeter, the formation of the United Nations Command

2000: Divers recovered the remains of a Russian submarine that had flooded and sank in 1969

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Today in History

August 22, 1812

▲ Swiss explorer Johann Ludwig Burckhardt discovered the city of Petra, one of the Seven Wonders of the World that had lain hidden for the best part of a millennium

1962: The USS Savannah, the world's first nuclear-powered ship, completed her maiden voyage

1950: French President Charles de Gaulle visited the United States



Today in History

August 23, 1999

▲ Berlin resumed its role as the capital of a united Germany for the first time since the end of World War II after parliament completed its return from Bonn

1617: The first one-way streets were set up in London to regulate "disorder and rude behaviour" by cart users

1938: Germany and the Soviet Union signed the Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact



Today in History

August 24, 2021

▲ Charlie Watts, drummer with the Rolling Stones, died aged 80. He, Mick Jagger and Keith Richards were the only members to perform on all of the band's studio albums

1968: France exploded a hydrogen bomb in the South Pacific, becoming the world's fifth nuclear power

1991: The parliament of Ukraine declared independence from the Soviet Union

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Today in History

August 25, 1973

▲ The first scan was made using CT (computed tomography), which uses computer processed x-rays to create virtual "slices" of areas inside the body

1919: The first regular international air service began with daily flights between London and Paris

1944: The liberation of Paris ended four years of German occupation

1989: After travelling for 12 years the Voyager 2 spacecraft flew over the clouds of the giant planet Neptune

2017: A crackdown on Rohingya militants in Myanmar led to almost one million refugees fleeing to Bangladesh

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Today in History

August 26, 1957

▲ The Soviet Union announced it had conducted the first successful test of an intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM), that was capable of reaching any part of the world

1959: The iconic Mini was launched, an economy measure in response to fuel rationing in Britain after the Suez Crisis

2008: Russia recognised Georgia's breakaway regions, Abkhazia and South Ossetia, as independent

2011: Scientists announced they had discovered a so-called "diamond planet" about 4,000 light-years away

2021: A suicide bombing at Kabul airport during the evacuation from Afghanistan killed 183 people

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Today in History

August 27, 1939

▲ The world's first jet-propelled aircraft, the Heinkel He-178, made its maiden flight in Germany. German air authorities rejected it as impractical for combat

1859: The world's first commercially productive oil well was drilled near Titusville, Pennsylvania

1962: The U.S. spacecraft Mariner II was launched towards Venus, becoming the first spacecraft to travel to another planet

1998: Russia's Central Bank ceased trading in the rouble

1999: Liquid water was found in a meteorite, the first water found in an object from outer space

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