



Today in History

December 17, 1903

▲ **Brothers Wilbur and Orville Wright made the first successful controlled flight in a powered aircraft on the beach at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina**

1922: The last British troops left the Irish Free State, newly created from 26 of the 32 counties of Ireland

1992: An AIDS vaccine was found to protect laboratory monkeys from the animal equivalent of HIV

2002: U.S. President George W. Bush gave the go-ahead to his controversial National Missile Defence system

2007: Russian President Vladimir Putin agreed to become Prime Minister after his term ended in 2008