



Today in History

July 2, 1853

▲ The Russian army crossed into the Danubian Principalities of Moldavia and Wallachia, then part of the Ottoman Empire, instigating the Crimean War

1778: Swiss-born French philosopher Jean-Jacques Rousseau, who introduced the concept of “Liberty, Equality, Fraternity”, died

1900: The first Zeppelin airship made its maiden flight over Lake Constance

2001: A patient in the U.S. received the first fully implantable artificial heart

2008: Former Colombian presidential candidate Ingrid Betancourt, held captive by FARC guerillas for six years, was freed