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ON THIS DAY



▲ **1945:** An estimated 74,000 people were killed when the United States dropped a second atomic bomb on the Japanese city of Nagasaki, reducing much of the city to ashes

480BC: The Spartans were beaten by the Persians at Thermopylae

1910: Chicago inventor Alva J. Fisher patented the first electric washing machine

1990: China's first airship, 40 metres long, made its maiden flight over Hubei

2004: The world's deepest vertical drop, measuring 516m, or 1,693 feet, was discovered in a cave in the Velebit mountains in Croatia