

This Day in History • August 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 33 BC Octavian (later known as Augustus) enters Alexandria, Egypt, bringing it under the control of the Roman Republic.	2 216 BC Second Punic War: Battle of Cannae - The Carthaginian army lead by Hannibal defeats a numerically superior Roman army.
3 1492 Christopher Columbus sets sail from Palos de la Frontera, Spain.	4 1693 Date traditionally ascribed to Dom Perignon's invention of Champagne.	5 910 The last major Viking army to raid England is defeated at the Battle of Tettenhall by King Edward and Earl Aethelred.	6 1914 Denis Patrick Dowd Jr. enlists in the French Foreign Legion, becoming the first American to fight in World War I.	7 1782 George Washington orders the creation of the Badge of Military Merit to honor soldiers wounded in battle. It is later renamed the Purple Heart.	8 2007 Barry Bonds of the San Francisco Giants breaks baseball great Hank Aaron's record by hitting his 756 th home run.	9 1908 Wilbur Wright makes his first flight at Le Mans, France. It's the Wright Brothers' first public flight and the French public goes wild.
10 1776 American Revolutionary War: Word of the United States Declaration of Independence reaches London.	11 1934 Federal prison opened at Alcatraz Island.	12 30 BC Cleopatra commits suicide after her lover, Mark Antony's defeat at the battle of Actium.	13 1913 Invention of stainless steel by Harry Brearley.	14 1846 The Cape Girardeau meteorite, a 2.3 kg chondrite-type meteorite strikes near the town of Cape Girardeau, Missouri.	15 1040 King Duncan I is killed in battle against his first cousin and rival Macbeth. The latter succeeds him as King of Scotland.	16 1962 Pete Best replaced by Ringo Starr (Richard Starkey) as drummer for The Beatles.
17 1982 The first Compact Discs (CD's) were released to the public in Germany.	18 1587 Virginia Dare, granddaughter of Gov. John White of the Colony of Roanoke, becomes the first English child born in the Americas.	19 1812 War of 1812: American frigate USS Constitution defeats the British frigate HMS Guerrière earning her nickname "Old Ironsides".	20 1866 President Andrew Johnson formally declared the U.S. Civil War over.	21 1680 Pueblo Indians capture Santa Fe from Spanish during the Pueblo Revolt.	22 1485 The Battle of Bosworth Field death of Richard III and end of the House of Plantagenet.	23 1305 William Wallace, Scottish patriot, is executed for high treason by Edward I of England.
24/31 8/24/0079 Mount Vesuvius erupts. The city of Pompeii is buried in volcanic ash. 8/31/1886 Earthquake kills 100 in Charleston, South Carolina.	25 1814 Washington, D.C. is burned and White House is destroyed by British forces during the War of 1812.	26 55 BC Julius Caesar invades Britain.	27 1813 Napoleon defeats the Austrians, Russians and Prussians at the Battle of Dresden.	28 1609 Henry Hudson discovers Delaware Bay.	29 1991 Supreme Soviet suspends all activities of the Soviet Communist Party.	30 1862 American Civil War: Union forces are defeated in Second Battle of Bull Run.