On This Date

1462 – Vlad III the Impaler of Wallachia launched “The Night Attack” on a Turkish army, eventually forcing the legion out of Bulgaria. Vlad, who had a reputation for extreme cruelty, was also widely known as Dracula and was the inspiration for the vampire Count Dracula in Bram Stoker’s 1897 novel *Dracula*.

1867 – Joseph Lister in Glasgow, Scotland, performed the first surgery under antiseptic conditions.

1925 – Canada joined more than 30 countries in signing the Geneva Protocol, which prohibited the use of poisonous gases and bacteria in warfare.

Fun Fact

A 10-gallon hat barely holds six pints.

Quote of the Day

“My goal was always to be involved in music that would outlive me. And maybe that’s actually happening.”

~ Barry Manilow

Happy Birthday!

Barry Manilow, born in 1943, is a singer and songwriter who has dominated the soft rock scene with a string of Top 10 hits and multiplatinum albums. A few of his most beloved songs include “I Write the Songs,” “Mandy,” “Weekend in New England,” “Can’t Smile Without You,” and “Copacabana.” His final live tour, “One Last Time, One Last Tour,” concluded with a performance in Brooklyn on his 72nd birthday. Manilow has notched at least one Top 40 album in each of the five decades from the 1970s through the 2010s.