

Today in History, July 25

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The plaque on the Decembrists' Memorial, St. Petersburg.

The five leaders of the Decembrist plot were hanged 187 years ago today, on July 25, 1826, having failed in their attempts to lead an insurrection against Tsar Nicholas I. The tsar played an active role in the subsequent investigation and conducted several interviews from his personal study.

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