



Today in History

March 17, 1993

▲ France announced plans to disband its army's 100-year-old carrier pigeon unit. They played a key role in the Siege of Paris in 1870, and again in World War I

1921: The first birth control clinic run by Dr Marie Stopes opened in London

1963: Mount Agung volcano erupted on Bali, killing at least 11,000 people

2006: Beijing's wealthiest millionaire was executed by lethal injection for the contract killing of a man who had tried to blackmail him

2015: The remains of Spanish literary giant Miguel de Cervantes were found in a Madrid convent nearly 400 years after his death