

One of my favourite slides

*Photo of a Paris dispatch,
sent by pidgeon post during the great siege*
**microphotographs sent by carrier pigeon were one of the few (possibly
only) way to get information into and out of Paris**

The Siege of Paris (19 September 1870 – 28 January 1871)

German forces surrounded and starved the French capital into submission

The city was completely blockaded for over four months, resulting in extreme famine and hardship for residents. The defeat resulted in massive territorial losses for France (Alsace-Lorraine) and established Germany as the dominant continental power.



This dispatch is in French and is certified -copy of a photographic film loaned by the Administration of Carrier Pigeons to send official and private dispatches to Paris during his investiture. Prepared by Dagros in Paris

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my French is non existent so I have no idea of the contents