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Chicago Woman Tells How Library Body Is Serving Soldiers Abroad.

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Chicago Woman in Charge.

Mary Eileen Ahern of Chicago, long identified with the A. L. A. work, came here two weeks ago at the request of Herbert Putnam, librarian of congress, to help speed up the work of getting books to the soldiers. In the remarkable rooms of the association overlooking the palace of President Poincare Miss Ahern described to me the other day how the soldiers find new fields opened to them by books, how the requests are sifting in and how books are sent under the franking privilege anywhere and returned in the same manner with practically no loss. At the same time she opened a vista of the tremendous results likely to be achieved by the army schools for which the A. L. A. is now assembling 500 working libraries of books cov-