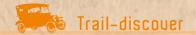
## On the trail of Anne Morgan

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# CARD\* at the service of the devastated region of Aisne

\* American Committee for Devastated France

My dear friends,

In your last letter you asked me what our CARD centers are like. I've made a souvenir album to give you an idea of our day-to-day life!

Miss Morgan established the centers close to the local populations so we could identify their needs and provide them with assistance. Our centers, which are housed in barracks, consist of offices, housing for the volunteers, a garage, a library and a hall where the locals can gather.



A CARD driver repairing her Ford@ RMN-GP/J.-G. Berizzi



Thanks to our Ford trucks we can travel all over the region providing relief and assistance to the local people. I hope you will soon be able to come.

The villages are being rebuilt and we will soon be moving out of our barracks into houses. You will be amazed to see how well the work is progressing!

Bessie

Members of the American Committee under Blérancourt arch, 1921 © RMN-GP/J.-G. Berizzi



Anne Murray

Dike's grave

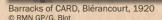
war, 1917© RMN-GP/ J.-G. Berizzi Av. Pasteur 2934

I was honoured to meet Anne Murray Dike, the CARD president at the Blérancourt HO. We took stock of the measures that need to be taken in the area: everything needs rebuilding, especially people's enjoyment in life! There is a great deal of work to be

done and it will take years!

Bessie



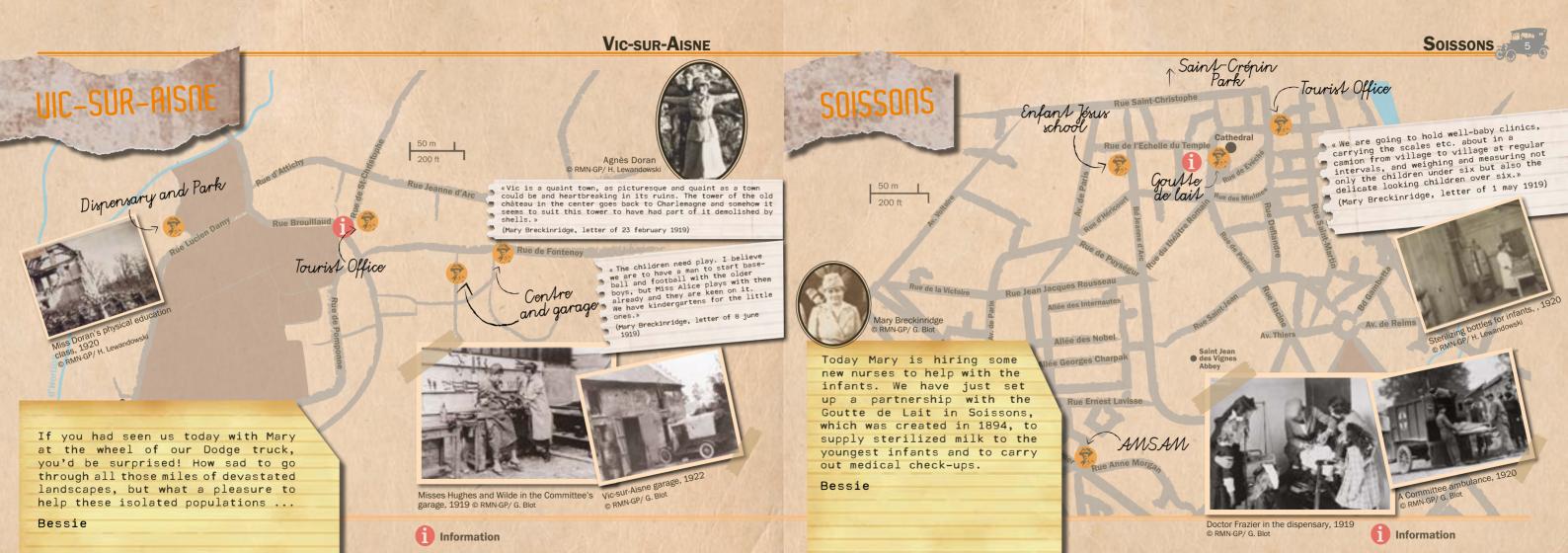


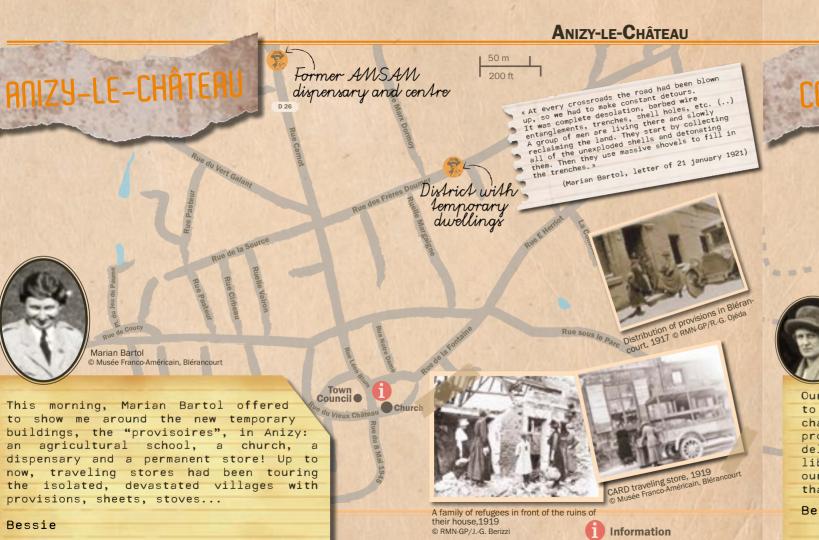


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Our dear Jessie Carson has arrived to join the Committee and take charge of the CARD's education projects. Every day she organises the delivery of books via the circulating libraries and hosts "story time" for our young visitors. They enjoy it more

Musée Franco-Américain, Blérancourt

than anything!

Bessie



Coucy-le-Château library, circa 1920 © RMN-GP



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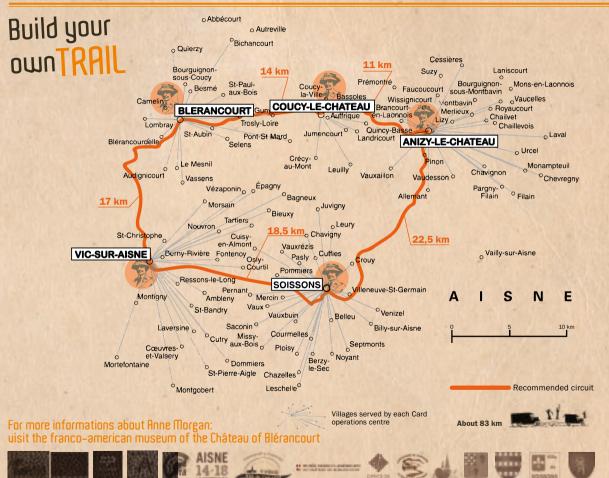
and Grimm are as well-known as Pinocchio, the Swiss Family Robinson, Heidl, Little Lord Fauntleroy, Alice in Wonderland and Kim » (CARD's report of 1921)

« What fun to discover Treasure Island with French children! The French boys

find Kipling "un peu bizarre", but Fenimore Cooper "épatant". Anderson and Grimm are as well-known as

Coucy-LE-Château

Story time in Vic-sur-Aisne, circ





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