



The Christmas mail rush . . . Specialists Toney, Kahn and Lawrence weather the deluge.

Testament Of Youth

(NOTE—We reprint this letter which appeared in the Reader's Digest some months ago because it is one of the finest utterances that has come from this war. Its simplicity of style and dignity of thought place it in the classe occupied by the truly great letters of the world.)

A letter from a U. S. Naval flier, missing since the Battle of Midway, to a friend at home:

"The fates have been kind to me and when you hear people saying harsh things about American youth, you will know how wrong they all are. So many times that now they have become commonplace, I've seen incidents that make me know that we were never soft, never weak.

"Many of my friends are now dead. To a man, each died with a nonchalance that each would have denied was courage, but simply called a lack of fear and forgot the triumph. If anything great or good has been born of this war, it should be valued in the youth of our country, who were never trained for war, who almost never believed in war, but who have, from some hidden source, brought forth a gallantry which is homespun, it is so real.

"Out here between the spaceless sea and sky, American youth has found itself, and given of itself, so that a spark may catch, burst into flame, and burn high. If our country takes these sacrifices with indifference it will be the cruelest

Navy War Bond Sales Up For Third Month

For the third consecutive month Navy War Bond purchases totaled more than \$25,000,000 when November sales aggregated \$25,078,425 to personnel in all activities within the Naval establishment. This total was the fourth largest in the history of the Navy War Bond program.

Of the November sales, \$15,591,696 represented bond purchases by civilian employees of the Navy under the payroll savings plan; \$7,140,544 were allotment purchases by uniformed personnel of the Navy; Marine Corps and Coast Guard, and \$2,346,185 were cash purchases by uniformed and civilian personnel.

Service At Air Base

At 1000 today, Chaplain Wolf will conduct a special Christmas service at the Monterey Naval Air Base. The cadet choir will participate in the service with a program of Yuletide music.

ingratitude the world has ever known.

"You will, I know, do all in your power to help others keep the faith. My luck can't last much longer. But the flame goes on and only that is important."

