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Cowles, John
Early, Stephen
Emmons, Delos C.
Ewing, John D.
Furay, James H.
Gannett, Frank
Garland, C. C.
Gates, Artemus
Gates, Samuel E.
Gibbons, Steven
Gorrell, Edgar S.
Gunn, George, Jr.
Hester, Clinton M.
Howard, Roy W.
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Muir, Malcolm
Patterson, Paul
Randau, Clem J.
Reid, Helen Rogers
Roth, W. P.
Rowe, James
Royal, John F.
Ryan, Oswald
Southgate, Richard
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Wheeler, John N.
Wolverton, Charles A.
York, Walter R.

Dear First Flighters:

We had planned to give Juan his gift at a dinner. However, the war hit and it was impossible to make any kind of date with anybody here in Washington, as you all will understand. Therefore, we decided to give it to him when we could catch him on the fly. Shortly before Christmas I was able to get a breakfast date with him and had the clubs planted in his room while we were at breakfast. I wish you could have seen his face when he came in and read the inscription and names. I am sorry that you couldn't share the thrill which I got at his reaction. He was deeply touched and pleased. I am sure you will be hearing from him, if you haven't already.

The clubs and bag are the finest that Wilson manufactures. On the side of the golf bag is the following inscription:

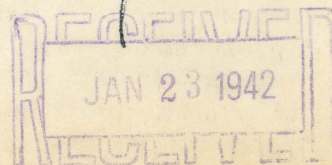
"Presented to Juan Trippe from his grateful Pan American First Flight Guests."

All of the names of the donors are stamped in alphabetical order up and down the side of the bag. I assure you it makes a very impressive list. I am sure you all share the feeling of satisfaction and pleasure with me at knowing that our names will ride with Juan Trippe as he tours the various golf courses throughout the country. Whether or not our moral support, plus the new tools, will enable him to improve his golf game so that he cannot be beaten by an old cripple like myself again remains for the future to determine!

My kindest regards to you all. With thanks for your cooperation, I am

Sincerely yours,

M. C. Meigs
Merrill C. Meigs



FIRST FLIGHTERS

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Cost of golf clubs and bag, net	\$134.05
Postage	<u>4.45</u>
Total -	\$138.50
42 contributed -- divided	\$3.30

Have been unable to contact two or three of the above owing to foreign services, therefore, I am dividing it on the basis of the total less three, which will not be available, making so much per each. If the three are eventually found we will contribute their payments to the Red Cross.