Herb, J. Robert J. Richard

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Young Airmen Fly Home To See Mother JUL 3 PH43 Sons of Mrs. Herb **Reach Her Bedside** At Easton Hospital

A race against time was won yesterday by Aviation Cadet J. Robert Herb and Sergeant J. Richard Herb, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Jay J. Herb, 831 West Berwick Street, Easton, when they were flown most of the way across the continent to reach the bedside of their mother, gravely ill at Easton Hospital.

ill at Easton Hospital. Cadet Robert was able to spend but a matter of hours with his mother, then had to take a train back to his post at Victoryville Army airport, California. Sergeant Richard, who is in training in the mid-west and is nearer Easton, will stay on for a day or so more.

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continues critical. The California Army airman was given a seat in a B-26 which was being flown from the Pacific coast plant eastward by the Ferry Com-mand. He has been in training at the airfield four months and in an-other month will be graduated, commissioned as a second lieute-

commissioned as a second lieute-nant and given his silver wings. Sergeant Richard is stationed at Scott Field, near St. Louis. He got a ride on a B-17 traveling with a Bombardment group as far as Buffalo. He has been at Scott field a month, and in two weeks more will be graduated as a gunnery in-structor and advanced to technical sergeant. sergeant.

Both the young Army Air Force men are graduates of Easton high school.