

BLOOD SENT BY AIR FOR BOY, 15, IN EGYPT

A second pint of whole blood of a rare type will leave La Guardia Field by Army bomber this afternoon on its way to Alexandria, Egypt, where it will provide a transfusion for a 15-year-old Greek boy. The first pint left this country on Dec. 15, and reached Alexandria five days later, traveling without refrigeration.

Dr. Lester J. Unger, director of the Blood and Plasma Exchange Bank of the Medical Society of New York, said that this was thought to be the first time whole blood had been shipped without refrigeration more than two hundred miles. Dr. Unger said the blood was sent directly from the stock of the Blood and Plasma Exchange Bank at Post Graduate Hospital. It was encased only in insulating material, and was accompanied by a sterile transfusion administration set.

The request for the blood was received through the Larner Engineering Company, at 70 Pine Street, for which the boy's father works. The youngster is suffering from Cooley's anemia, an incurable disease of unknown origin, known also as Mediterranean anemia, since it has its highest incidence among Italians and Greeks. Attempts to procure Rh negative Type "A" blood in London failed, so the blood was sent from this country.