

# FELLOW SEAMAN WRITES PRAISE FOR 'LITTLE' DUGAN

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## LETTER FROM BENTON BOY TELLS PARENTS THAT JIM DUNNIGAN IS "ONE OF THE BEST"

Jim "Little Dugan" Dunnigan, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. U. Dunnigan, of South LaFayette street, has just received some very fine praise that he didn't know he was going, nor does not know that he received.

The words of praise came from one of the boys with whom he is serving on an LCT boat in New Guinea and its origin and the way it reached his parents here make it all the more complimenart.

Roy McCormack, cashier of the People's State Bank received a letter the last of the week from a bank supply salesman who lives in Benton. The salesman Franklin B. Percy has a son in the navy, serving in the New Guinea area and in a recent letter to his parents he wrote of a boy from Newton, Ill., by the name of Jim Dunnigan, with whom he is serving.

Mr. Percy, knowing no one in Newton except Mr. McCormack and people employed at the bank thought what his son said about the Newton boy might be of interest to him and quoted part of his son's letter which read:

"There is a boy by the name of Jim Dunnigan from Newton, on my ship and he is one of the best men we have. He is really a jack of all trades."

Mr. McCormack has turned the letter over to Mr. Dunnigan and it is being kept with his most prized mementoes of the war his son is helping to win.