

Hapli, Joseph

**Now A Corporal
In Military Police** 18 1944

Word has been received by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hapli, 8 Finady Avenue, that their son, Joseph, has been promoted to corporal in the military police. He is now stationed somewhere in New Guinea, and has spent two years overseas. Corporal Hapli was the first boy to be presented with a Bethlehem Tobacco Club kit by John O. Griffiths, president of the Tobacco Club.

A communication received from Corporal Hapli some time ago, and printed in a booklet put out by Bethlehem Steel Company, where he formerly worked as a typist, says: "You probably thought I forgot about Bethlehem Steel and the Merchant Mills, but I didn't. I left the States last summer and was sent over here to do military police work.

"We all bear in mind that we were sent over here to do a job, to get this war over with as soon as possible. After one is over here for a while, he sort of loses that 'on edge' feeling. At first, it is just as though you were waiting for most anything to happen, such as air raids, etc., but after a while it is just a routine feeling—if it happens, it just does."

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