

Kotze, William J.

**Pfc. William Kotze
Gets Conduct Award**

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WITH THE AMERICAL DIVISION SOMEWHERE IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC: "For excellent performance of duty over a period of time," Pfc. William J. Kotze, 307 East Church Street, Bethlehem, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Kotze, has been awarded the Good Conduct Medal.

Kotze, a rifleman, is with front line troops which fought at Guadalcanal with other units of the Americal Division in the first army offensive against the Axis on any front, continuing in action until the Japs surrendered the island in February, 1943. Again on Bougainville the regiment distinguished itself in the bloody battle for Hill 260.

Overseas 13 months, Kotze, also holds the Combat Infantryman Badge for exemplary performance of duty in action against the Japanese, and wears the Asiatic-Pacific ribbon with one battle star.

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