

Kotze, William J.

**Combat Infantryman's
Badge Awarded
To Local Soldiers**

WITH THE AMERICAL DIVISION AT BOUGAINVILLE—For his performance of duty in action against the enemy on Bougainville, Pfc. William J. Kotze, 307 East Church Street, Bethlehem, Pa., overseas seven months, has been awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge.

The badge, worn above the left breast pocket, is a silver rifle on a field of infantry blue within a silver border, an elliptical wreath in the background.

Pfc. Kotze is a scout in a veteran infantry regiment which fought at Guadalcanal with other units of the Americal Division scouring the island on February 9, 1943. Again on Bougainville, the regiment distinguished itself in the bloody battle for Hill 260.

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