

*Kline, John W.*

## Major J. W. Kline Arrives Home Tonight With Medals Earned in Pacific, Bride Won in Oklahoma

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Major John W. Kline, U. S. A. A. F., commanding officer of the 320th Bomber Squadron, attached to the Fifth Air Force stationed in the Southwest Pacific, will arrive home this evening. He brings with him not only the medals awarded him for valor, but a bride won in the state of Oklahoma.

Major Kline, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kline, of Leighton R. D. 3, where the latter is in charge of the Wild Creek Water Project, was married to Miss Olita V. Lovelace, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Lovelace, of Richmond, California, on Monday evening in St. John's Episcopal Church, Norman, Oklahoma. The Rev. Joseph Ewing performed the double ring ceremony.

Major Kline has been commanding officer of the "320th" since March 26th, his squadron being one of four in the "Jolly Roger" group. He was in the Pacific for two years, and took part in close to 7 missions against the Japs. He was a co-pilot, pilot, and flight leader, before becoming the commanding officer.

When Kline was a First Lieutenant he gained fame making a brief report to his commanding officer following a mission over the Hermit Islands, 220 miles northeast of Wewak. His report was "One bomb—one boat", and that's just what happened.

He was the pilot of the Liberator Bomber, and was returning to his base when he spotted two heavily laden Japanese tankers. On the first bombing run, a 1,000 pound bomb scored a direct hit on one of the tankers, and about five minutes later it sank.

Major Kline holds the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal, with two oak leaf clusters, received for participation in aerial action in the Southwest Pacific.

On a recent raid on Hollandia Major Kline's group encountered heavy ack-ack fire from Japanese ground installations, and about 30 Zeros attack the formation, but the mission was very successful, since 230 Jap planes were destroyed on the ground.

Major Kline is a graduate of Moravian College for Men, where he directed the Glee Club, and also of the Juillard School of Music, New York City. He received his wings at Kelly Field, March 5, 1942.

Mrs. Kline graduated from Oklahoma College for Women in 1943, and is employed at the Borden General Army Hospital, Chickasha, Oklahoma, as secretary to the commanding officer of the Detachment of patients.

Major and Mrs. Kline, upon their arrival in this city tonight, will visit with the Major's parents at Wild Creek.

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