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## FORMER PRISONER OF JAPS RE-ENLISTS IN ARMY AT LA JUNTA

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La Junta Army Air Field, Colo., Feb. 23.—Sgt. Claude M. Whitlock kept a vow when he signed up for another three-year enlistment at

La Junta air-base recruiting office. He had been one suffering member of a Philippine prison camp, who, during long hours of wracking toil for a derisive victor, swore "If I ever get out of this alive I'll do my best to make up for this."



Sgt. Whitlock.

Sergeant Whitlock, a resident of Timpas, Colo., was serving in the Sternberg General hospital in Manila as a hospital attendant when the war broke out. From there he went out into the field, serving in the front lines until he was assigned to duty as an ambulance driver on Corregidor.

It was during this feverish campaign that Sergeant Whitlock received wounds for which he was later awarded the Purple Heart.

With the fall of the "Rock," Whitlock became one of the inmates of the Japanese prison camp. Later he was removed to Japan to work in an iron mining camp, and finally freed by liberating troops.