

CAPTAIN AND MRS. JOHN BUCK

Tacoma, Washington

The regiment had a short rest from the 24th of June to the 1st of July, 1898, then it engaged in the battle of San Juan Hill the morning of that date. After a hard battle, hot sun, hot water and hot bullets, the Americans captured the hill at dark. There was light engagements from the 1st to the 16th of July. On the 17th day General Toral, in command of the Spanish forces, could hold out no longer against the heavy bombardment of the American troops, so he surrendered. On September 9, 1899, he received his commission as Captain, signed by President McKinley. Captain Buck was assigned to command Company I, 48th Infantry U. S. Volunteers at Fort Thomas, Kentucky. This regiment left San Francisco, California, December, 1899, for Manila and landed January 1, 1900. Captain Buck was engaged in the battle with the insurrectors twenty miles south of Ia Trinidad, P. I. April, 1901. In this engagement the noted insurrector, Pedro A. Parterno, secretary to Aginaldo, was captured by Captain Buck. The 48th U. S. V. was returned to the United States and mustered out at San Francisco, California, June 30, 1901.

He then returned to the 10th Cavalry as a private soldier. Since that date he has worked his way to a Master Sergeant, and was placed on the retired list at that grade.

From what we can learn from testimonials, Captain Buck was a strict disciplinarian. He led a model company, did valuable service and more than demonstrated his sterling qualities, eminently fitted to command men. He is an expert packer and all matters pertaining to horses and field service. Captain Buck was appointed Chief of Military Police by General John Pershing at Pasig in the Province of Rizal, Philippine Islands.

He is a member of the Congregational Church; Eureka Lodge No. 5, F. & A. M., Washington, D. C.; Mt. Tacoma Lodge No. 142, I. B. P. O. E. of W.; Past Exalted Ruler, two terms.

May 24, 1926, he organized "Captain John Buck Camp No. 24," United Spanish War Veterans, and is present commander; and is manager of "Bushy Horn Corporation." Owner of properties in Washington, D. C., a modern bungalow at 1036 South State Street, Tacoma, Washington.

Mrs. A. L. Buck

Faith, hope, love and luck played a very prominent part in the life of Mrs. A. L. Buck. Born in Stevensville, Texas, in a little log hut with *one window, one door*, and a dirt floor. Gunny sacks stuffed with straw in the corner of the hut served as sleeping quarters. When about two years of age, the dwelling was attacked by Indians. She and her mother had a narrow escape from being captured.

Later she was placed in a Catholic Orphanage Home in San Antonio, Texas, where she remained until nine years of