



HENRY C. BELL

HENRY C. BELL, First U. S. sergeant, retired, was born in Augusta, Ga., March 10, 1865. He was enlisted in the U. S. Army January 10th, 1889 and assigned to the Twenty-fifth U. S. Infantry October 25th of the same year. He was a private soldier for three years and six months and a non-commissioned officer for twenty-four years and was retired with rank of first sergeant December 27th, 1916. Since his retirement he has resided in Seattle and as he now sees it, will so continue, unless again called to the service, which may be done. His markings while in the service were of the highest, which served him to a good advantage on re-entering private life. Since coming to Seattle he has taken an active part in the public weal and is not depending on his government pay check to keep him going. Recently he was made one of the custodians of the comfort station in the library building and for that he draws a salary of \$60 per month, which added to his government pay, makes it possible for him and his family to live rather comfortably. He is public spirited and always wants to be counted in when something is to be attempted for the uplift.



WILLIAM A. VROOMAN

WILLIAM A. VROOMAN, enlisted at Buffalo, N. Y., June 18th, 1886. Assigned to Troop "I" 9th Cavalry, Jan. 22nd, 1887. Appointed Sergeant, Sept. 17th, 1889. Served in Sioux Indian Campaign, South Dakota, 1890-91. Participated in engagement with Hostile Sioux Indians at Drevel Mission, S. D., Dec. 28th, 1890. Discharged June 17th, 1891. Reenlisted July 10th, 1891, and assigned to Troop "G" 9th Cavalry. Appointed Sergeant. Selected as competitor to Tri-Department Rifle and Pistol Competition, 1892-93-94, winning second, third and fifth Department Rifle Medals and seventh Department Pistol Medal. Distinguished Marksman 1894. Served in Cuba during Spanish-American War, sailed from Port Tampa, Fla., with General Shafter's Expeditionary forces, landing in Cuba June 22nd, 1898. Participated in the Battle of San Juan Hill July 2nd and 4th, 1898. Served in the Philippine Islands from September 16th, 1902. Participated in numerous engagements with hostile Filipino Insurgents in the Provinces of Albay and Camarines. Also served in the Philippine Islands from May 31st, 1907 to May 15th, 1909. Appointed Squadron Sergeant Major 9th Cavalry, December 18th, 1908. Promoted Regimental Quartermaster Sergeant 9th Cavalry, Jan. 1st, 1909. Served as Regimental Quartermaster Sergeant 9th Cavalry on the Mexican border from Sept. 13th, 1912 to Sept. 13th, 1915. Retired from active service Sept. 6th, 1915.

He is now awaiting orders from the War Department, and expecting to be called into active service at any time. He and his wife are now operating the Vrooman Hotel of Seattle, which is a large and commodious hostelry.