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IN MEMORIAM

Newton Thorne Kirk

Captain 118th U. S. Colored Infantry

DIED AT LOS ANGELES, CAL.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1909

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NEWTON THORNE KIRK was born April 15, 1836, at Greenwich, Fairfield County, Connecticut.

He entered the service of the United States August 11, 1862, as private in Company E, 26th Michigan Infantry, and was mustered in as Corporal and promoted Sergeant June 4, 1863. He was commissioned as Captain in the 127th U. S. Colored Infantry September 1, 1864; was transferred to the 118th U. S. Colored Infantry February 25, 1865, and was honorably mustered out of service February 6, 1866.

His early service was about Suffolk, Va., and on the Black Water; being transferred to the Army of the Potomac he took part in the campaign of Mine Run, and with the 1st Brigade, 1st Division, 2d Army Corps he was in the Battles of the Wilderness, May 5-6, 1864. At the Battle of Spottsylvania Court House May 12, 1864, he was severely wounded, lay on the field for twelve hours, and was made prisoner and sent to Andersonville prison where he remained six months and was then sent to Savannah, Ga., and was paroled November 20, 1864. After recovering from his wound and being exchanged he joined the 127th U. S. Colored Infantry in the Army of the James at Fort Harrison, Va., and later was sent to the Army of the Gulf where he served until mustered out of service at New Orleans, La.

He was elected a Companion of the First Class, original, February 19, 1908, No. 1697, in the Commandery of California, Insignia No. 15640.

As a business man in Los Angeles, Cal., he was well known and highly respected by all who knew him and his

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death is deeply mourned by his Companions of the Loyal Legion.

To his bereaved wife we extend our heartfelt sympathy.

The Commandery of the State of California,

W. R. SMEDBERG,  
Bvt. Lieut. Col. U. S. Army,  
Recorder.