

## Samuel Walter Sowerbutts

(27 Sep 1892 – 10 Nov 1918)

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**Sowerbutts.** Mrs. Elizabeth Sowerbutts has been officially notified of the death in France of her youngest son, Capt. (Adjutant) S. Walter Sowerbutts, who died in action, November 10, 1918, aged 26 years.

**Sowerbutts.** The remains of Capt. S. Walter Sowerbutts, 6th Infantry, 5th Division, son of Mrs. Elizabeth and the late Samuel Sowerbutts, who was killed in action at Jamets, France, November 21, 1918, will be buried in Congressional cemetery Tuesday, October 25. Funeral services will be held in the chapel at 10:30 a.m. Friends invited to attend.

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### **Capt. S.W. Sowerbutts Killed On Battlefield**

#### **Victim Day Before Armistice Signed, His Mother in Anacostia Is Advised**



**CAPT. S. W. SOWERBUTTS.**

Capt. S. Walter Sowerbutts of Anacostia was killed in action the day before the armistice was signed, according to word received by his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Sowerbutts, 1849 Good Hope road.

Capt. Sowerbutts was acting regimental adjutant of the "6th." He made fast promotion in the Army, being commissioned as a second lieutenant shortly after war was declared, and being captain-adjutant before he left for France.

The only military experience he had before going in the Army was while he was a cadet at Business High School. After graduating from that high school, he worked for the Southern railway and later for the government, whence he entered the Army.

Last April his regiment was ordered to France. On his way to the port of embarkation he passed through Washington and spent a few hours with his family.

Writing to his mother, Capt. Sowerbutts praised the Red Cross and the hospitality of the French people.

*The Evening Star, October 24, 1921, p. 12*

### **Officer To Be Buried**

#### **Capt. S. Walter Sowerbutts Was Killed On Eve of Armistice**

Funeral services for Capt. S. Walter Sowerbutts, who was killed at Jametz, France, November 10, 1918, on the eve of the signing of the armistice, will be held in the chapel at Congressional cemetery tomorrow morning at 10:30 o'clock. Interment in this cemetery will be made immediately following the services.

The services will be conducted by Col. Axton, chief chaplain of the Army.

Capt. Sowerbutts is the son of Mrs. Elizabeth and the late Samuel Sowerbutts. He was educated in the public schools and obtained his first military training in the local High School Cadet Corps.

*From his World War I Draft Registration dated June 5, 1917:*

Tall, Slender, Brown eyes, Black hair.

Clerk in the War Department