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They reported taking prisoners, 1 officer and 8 other ranks in vicinity of T.3.a.80.30.

Between 07.30 and 08.00 leading Battalions of 5th Division reported having gone through our leading troops and having passed RED DOTTED LINE, the telephone line being diss and no instructions having been received we were unable to withdraw, between 10.30 and 11.00 when we received instructions from you that we might withdraw.

We at once moved to PONT a'VACHE where we met the cooks at about 12.00 and where breakfast was taken.

The Battalion then marched by companies via LOUVIGNES and SALESCHES to billets in NEUVILLE, reaching NEUVILLE between 15.30 & 16.00 hrs.

Enemy's Guns captured during this tour in the line being :-

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| 1. | 5.9' Howitzer. |
| 20. | Machine Guns. |

I have to report the following casualties :-

Lt. A/Capt.	O. BRIGGS.	"Killed"	4.11.18.
2/Lt.	H.W. BROOKS.	do.	do.
2/Lt.	S.A. PALMER.	"wounded"	do.
Other ranks.			
"Killed"	5.		
"Wounded"	22.		
"Missing believed wounded".	3.		

C. J. de B. SHERINGHAM.
Lt.Colonel,

Commanding 8th (S) Bn. Somerset Light Infantry.

8.11.18.

5th November 1918.

My Dear Sheringham,

I want to convey my best thanks to you and your Battalion for the splendid way you helped us out yesterday, I thought at one time that things were not going to pan out very well on the right owing to the Hertfordshire Regiment having lost the barrage. This was due to the Essex Regt, being held up at one post by a Machine Gun nest round the Chapel by the Railway which had not been mopped up, making them an hour late at the Blue Dotted Line and leaving the Herts flank exposed to M.G. fire from N. part of JOLIMRTZ.

However all's well that ends well and we gave the Boche a hell of a doing.

It was splendid the way your fellows pushed through in the afternoon and got to their objective.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) W. L. Herbert.