

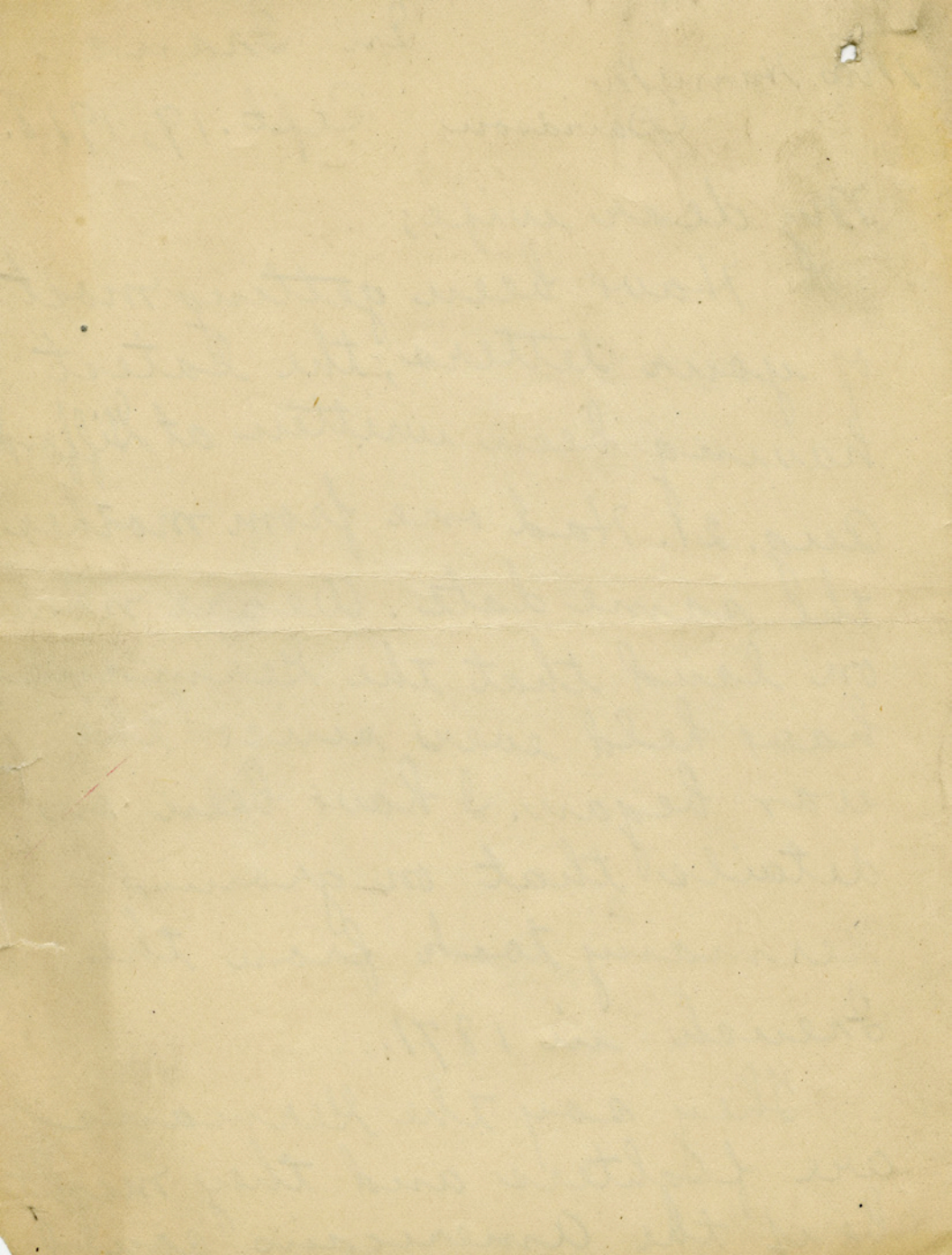
Mr. Harry M.  
Davidson

In France  
Sept. 19, 1918.

My dear wife;

Have been getting most of your letters, the latest having been written at Gifford Aug. 21. Had one from mother the same date. We are now on land that the Germans have held ever since the war began. I have been on details that on ground Germany took from the French in 1871.

They say the Germans are fighters and they might be if the Americans could



ever catch them. When they get started it's just like hunting jack rabbits. They see the yanks coming and away they go over the next hill.

The Engineers are going over the top with the doughboys without being called on.

I helped dig holes for several ditch and their horses. We had several hundred prisoners helping us build roads.

I am room orderly just now so have plenty of time to write.

We took one of the strongest

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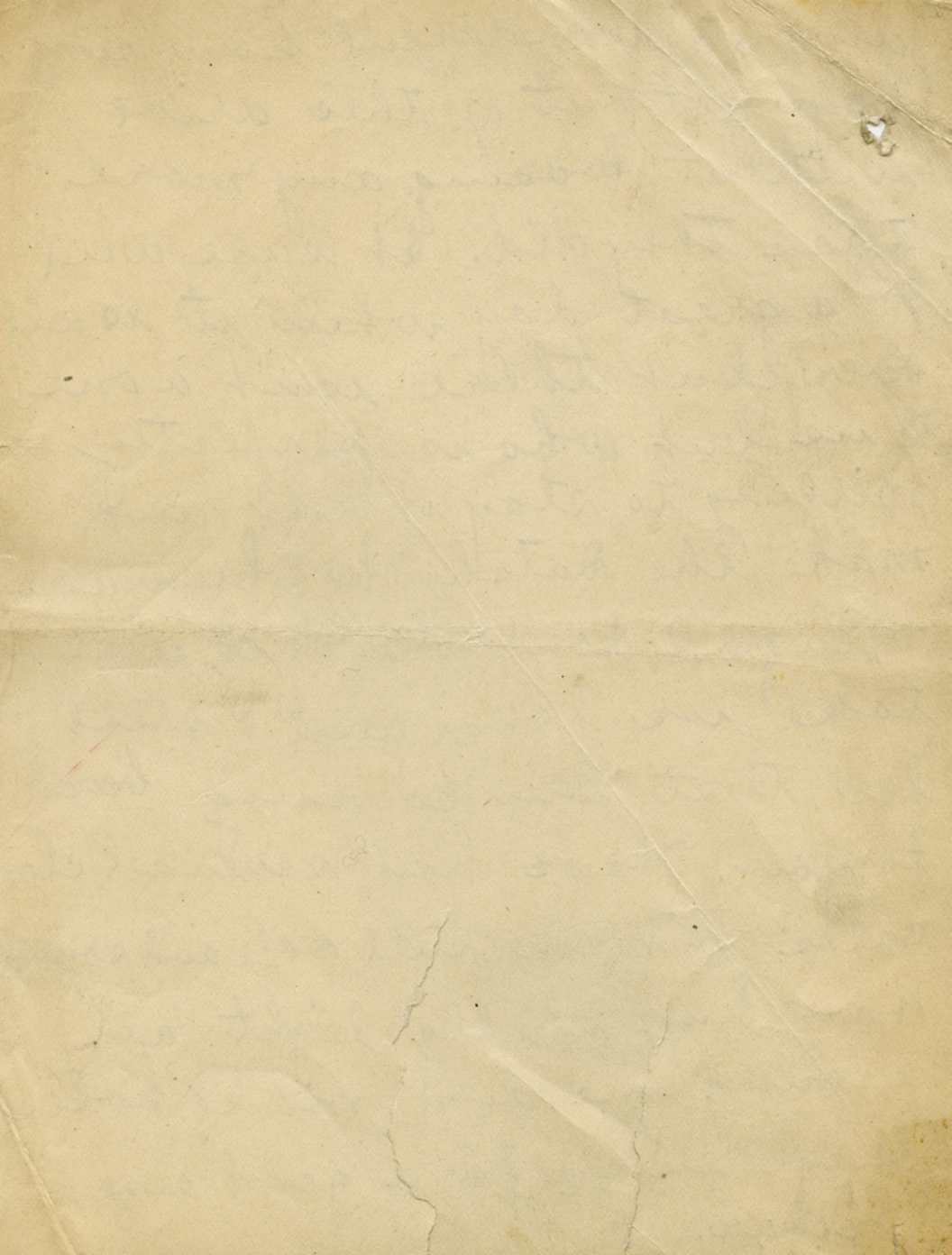
3 points there was in No Man's  
land. One position we took  
cost the French several  
thousand men to hold it  
seventeen minutes. It was  
easy for the Yanks.

All the boys have plenty of  
souvenirs from the Dutch.  
Can get anything we want.  
The hillsides are covered  
with the Dutch's clothes,  
rifles, helmets and everything.  
They got out and beat it. Just  
any way to out and several  
thousand didn't get out.

War sure is terrible. One  
sees some awful sights

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4 and its' wonderful how our  
boys got out of this drive  
without losing any more  
than they did. It sure will  
be a great day when it is all  
over but there isn't a one  
of us but who is perfectly  
willing to stay it out and  
make the Dutch be human  
beings. I don't think it will  
take us long and I still  
feel that I'm coming back  
to you. Have had several close  
calls but am still safe and sound  
Have had shells light all  
around me and make holes  
large enuff for a good sized  
cellar.



5 Saw Henry Pfeiffer last night. We used to hunt lots together. He lives west of Hifford. Otis Richardson is here some place, also Lester Sharr and the Self boy.

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Am leading a good clean soldiers life with only one object in view - winning the war and getting back to you. Nobody will know what peace is and appreciate it like we soldiers will when we return.

Cosingly, your husband  
Harry M. Davidson

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