

Oh little friend I found in  
the field near my brother's  
the most delicious little thing  
of course

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My dear wife

Here it is over a week  
since I have heard a word from you - and  
I must say that I do feel bad about it.  
I won't think that you do not write - but  
why don't I get your letters - I feel anything  
but good to night - I am so disappointed -  
of course you will not think I am blaming  
you - if you have written -

This is probably about the last  
letter you will get from me for the Lord  
know how long - There is an order to be  
issued very soon to stop all letter writing in  
the Army - If this is done you see that  
a sweet chance there is of hearing from me -  
This order will not deprive us from receiving letters  
from home - and I don't see it necessary in  
my case for the present week, You don't know  
how deeply disappointed I am not to a