

March 13, 1945

Dear Folks,

I can't keep up with you two!
This answers your letters postmarked Feb. 19
and 26, Pa., and though yours, Ma., post-
marked Feb. 20 somehow arrived soon enough
to be answered by my last. Two have already
reached me since then, no. 23, correctly
numbered by the way, and no. 24. The
latter, you may be amused to know is
dated inside, March 22, and postmarked,
yes, postmarked, March 31! Another very
recent letter is post-marked, probably
correctly Nov. 27. It is a grand one from
M. S., that was delayed at F.P.O. because
someone stupid thought the 7 of VB-17
illegible.

Two more presents have arrived too,
three pocket books almost minus their
mapping paper, ^{from Aunt} and a birthday present
from you, Pa. - a very fine book. Mayr
seems to have done an excellent job,
and I'm most grateful for something
that fills what was a very empty space
on my shelves. Already it has identified
several doubtful species seen recently
and put them in their proper family.
Others whose families I was reasonably
T. Richards

