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# Master Sergeant Stickley

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## *Master Sergeant Stickley*

Doubled his money each time he sold  
U.S. greenbacks, illegal in Vietnam,  
on the black market, wife sending  
cash through the mail. Smooth scam.

Except, greenbacks migrated  
to the Vietcong, could buy anything,  
weapons from the Soviet Union,  
rockets and mortars carried  
on the backs of peasants  
down jungle trails for weeks  
to launch at U.S. camps and firebases.

Took the legs from Danny Anderson,  
19, in-country just three weeks  
from near Marion, Ohio, where his family  
had a small farm, grew corn mostly.