

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.