

Saigon, Vietnam
November 27, 1967

Mr. S. A. Schreiner, Jr.
The Reader's Digest
Pleasantville, New York 10570

Dear Sam,

At last—the Vietnam river war article! Sorry that it was delayed for all sorts of reasons. The piece contains most of the angles you were interested in—the American Civil War, learning from the Vietnamese and the new tactical concept. Unfortunately, it may still be too sprawling, but perhaps wacking out alot of the color and quotes will make it usable. I had to downgrade the Special Forces aspect substantially because I found the Game Warden Operation was the essential counter-part to the Mobile Riverine Force and hence deserved much more space than I originally planned.

I have deliberately quoted several Negro military persons in order to under the Navy's fear that the U. S. Civil War connection might erroneously lead the reader to believe Vietnam is also a civil war, which is distinct from the official American view that it is aggression etc.

I'll be looking forward to your views on this piece. Please give my thanks to John Rubbell for suggesting the name of Lt. Cmdr. Dan Eagle, who was very helpful.

Sincerely yours,

Beverly Deepe