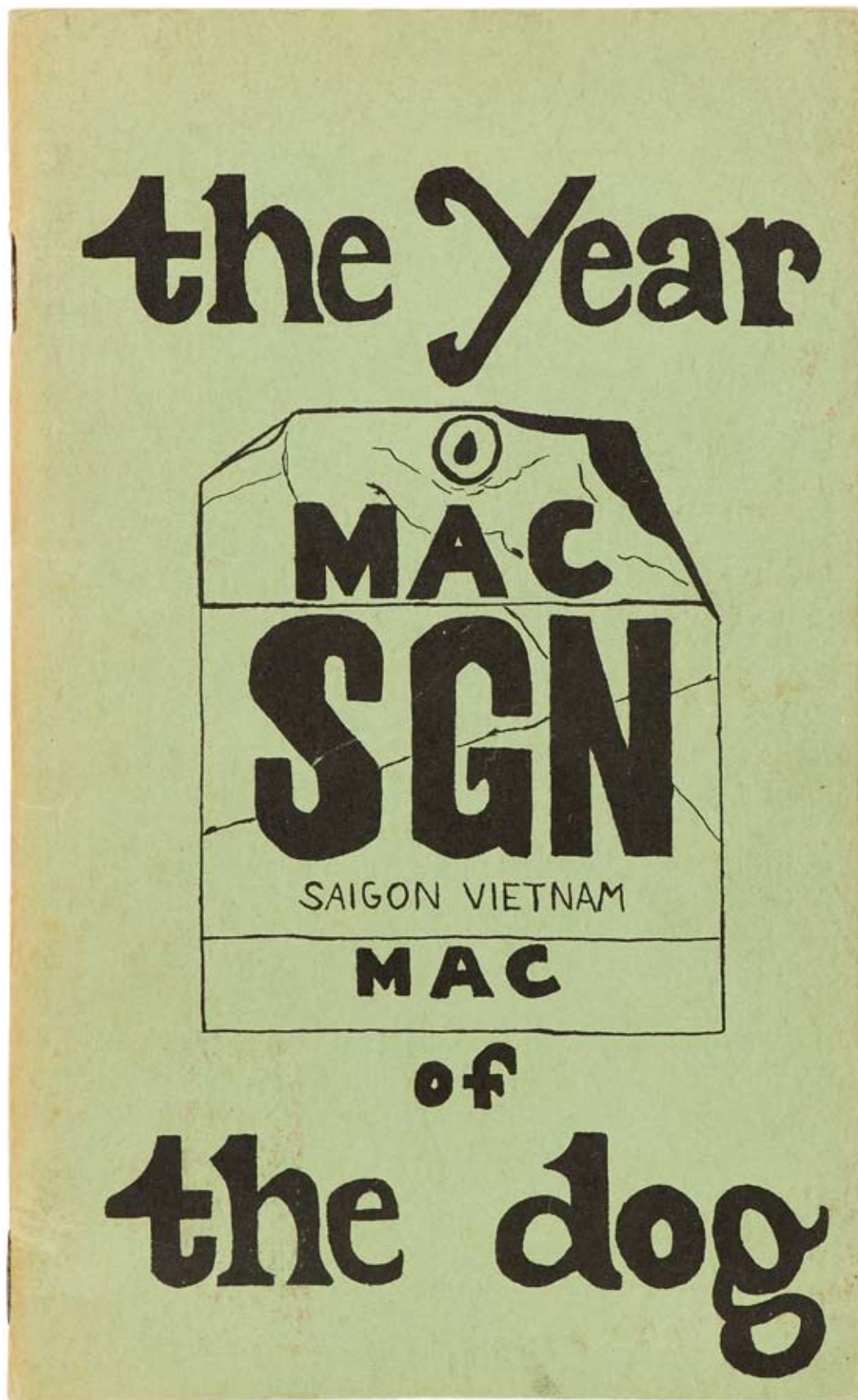


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The Year of the Dog

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Smile your lies, Vietnamese girl
you don't enjoy your life.
Your fingers in my back tell me
that your body cannot stop
but your eyes, girl, your eyes
scream please GI go away!

Yet once more your legs around me close
and my manhood you endure
oh, your eyes, your eyes, they are so young
but your body so mature.

Now you sigh, relax and smoke
your breathing slows
the torture grows
it's over for a moment now, but
your eyes the tears do softly show
your eyes from which the tears do flow

your eyes, your eyes
they let me know.



In the introduction the author calls Vietnam “a trauma that I have tried to drive from my mind with every ounce of strength that I possess”. Garon at the Military Airlift Command base and saw the return of many wounded and killed soldiers. A rare work of Vietnam War poetry, *OCLC* locates no copies, we haven't seen another. [BTC#400661]