



# Letters from the Southern Home Front

The American South Responds to the Vietnam War

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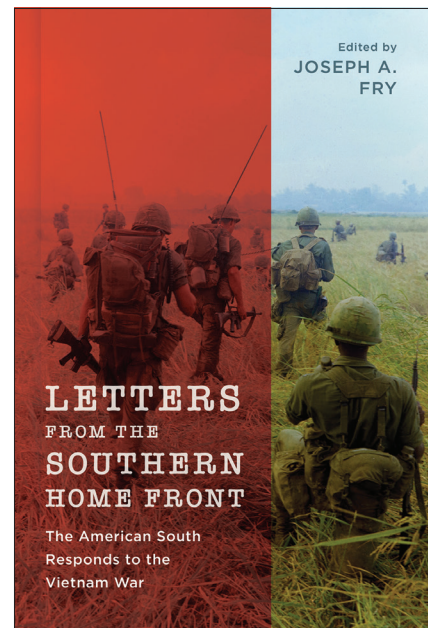
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