

50 Hours later, gripped by delusions, he shot up his apartment. He was glad
when the police team arrived, Ms. Knapp said, because then he could tell
them where the Iraqis were. He was arrested and discharged, and later
moved to Pinehurst, North Carolina. His parents tried to get him help, but
nothing worked. "He just couldn't get over the war," his mother, Maureen,
55 told a reporter. "Joseph never came home."

It's not clear what therapy and medication could have saved Mr. Dwyer. He
admitted lying on a post-deployment questionnaire about what he had seen
and suffered because he just wanted to get back to his family. Ms. Minor
said he sometimes skipped therapy appointments in El Paso. One thing that
60 did seem to help, Ms. Knapp and Ms. Minor said, was peer counseling from
a fellow veteran, a man who had been ambushed in Iraq and knew about
fear and death. But that was too little, too late, and both women say they
are frustrated with the military for letting Mr. Dwyer die like that.

65 Private Dwyer, who survived rocket-propelled grenades and shocking
violence, made his way back to his family and friends. But part of him was
also stuck forever on a road in Iraq, helpless and terrified, with nobody to
carry him to safety.

What do you think 'medics' are? (line 21)

What do you think 'he totaled his car' means? (line 37)