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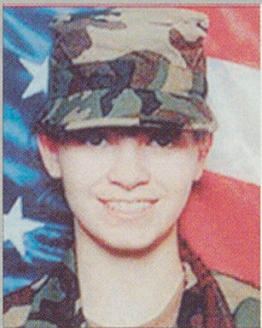
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## Jessica Lynch: Rescued P.O.W By: Kelsey Kiley

**T**HIS WAS THE first raid to free an American P.O.W. from behind enemy lines in half a century, and it was met with success. For family and friends, April 1 was a day of rejoicing. Lynch had been rescued from Nasiriya, where she had been held captive in Saddam Hussein Hospital. At the same hospital, an Iraqi doctor led the U.S. troops to the shallow graves of the other eight members of Lynch's company. One of them was Lori Piastawa, Lynch's roommate, and the war's first female casualty. However, Lynch didn't escape from harm. She was taken



to a hospital in Germany to be treated for gunshot wounds, fractures, two broken legs, spinal injuries and numerous other damages to her body and mind. After she underwent psychological counseling and several surgeries, she was transported to Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C. to recuperate.

Her story was that she attempted to fire her weapon but the Iraqi soldiers shot her several times before she had time to. The truth came out that her weapon was jammed and she had never tried to fire it, and her injuries were actually results of her Humvee crashing into an overturned trailer. She was offered a one million dollar book deal for her story.



"Jessica Lynch, an interesting story, but was it really as bad as it was, do we know what actually happened? What other sources do we have besides the media?"

> Moazam Khan, 10

"Whose she?"

> Krista Wesselkamper, 11

