

## If we cannot care for those who suffer in the aftermath...

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As [the Guardian notes](#):

*The defence secretary, [Philip Hammond](#), has warned that he will resist further cuts to the armed forces in George Osborne's forthcoming spending review.*

He told the Daily Telegraph that other Tory cabinet ministers believed the greatest burden of any cuts should fall on the welfare budget.

I wonder if this wealthy man has any clue as to how many ex-service people end up on benefits and in real need?

Last year the [Mail suggested maybe 100,000](#) ex service personnel were homeless.

And tens and maybe hundreds of thousands carry the physical and mental scars of service.

Hammond appears not to know this and wants to cut their care.

I say if we cannot care for those at home we have no right going to war. And that as a result Hammond is unfit for the job he is doing.