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The NYT has an excellent, despairing story about **an illustrious Marine unit in Iraq and the travails they underwent** thanks to a lack of armor on their vehicles and a lack of troop support. Stories like these should be on the FRONT PAGE every day until our men and women get the full support they deserve.

Among the sad details: soldiers propping up cardboard dummies at outposts to fool the enemy when we were undermanned; soldiers forced to literally hold shut the doors on vehicles that wouldn't stay closed on their own; and the travesty of justice about an excellent Marine who fought for better treatment of his men and was rewarded with seeing his career go down the toilet.

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