

***Captain May – July 17, 2003 (1130 hours) – e-mail:***

***to Tom Barton, Editor, Savannah Morning News***

You and your embed, Noel Phillips, did not listen to me when I called repeatedly May 13 and 14 as I rode to Savannah. You didn't think I wasn't worth the trouble, and do you know why? Because I told the two of you I had sat on the sidewalk for two weeks and begged charity for the widows and orphans of Ft. Stewart, then spent three weeks riding a bicycle from Texas to bring it to them. You had no time to suffer a fool, to have a cup of coffee with me, maybe even buy me dinner. I just wanted to tell you about the 3/7 Cavalry and the trammeling of the First Amendment, that's all. You could have become famous just by being human. You could have saved lives. You could have changed history. Now we have a president engaged in a war that is a new Vietnam, a cover-up that is a new Watergate, and Bush Team info-bullying that is the new McCarthyism.

And what's the Bush Team's only way around the truth and consequence of his current political situation? It's always the same for tyrannies empowered by crisis: more crisis. Today I heard ex-Secretary of Defense William Perry urging us to consider military operations against North Korea, which has been acting mighty paranoid since the Bush Team came up with "Axis of Evil" and started building up for an invasion of Iraq. Their leader thinks our leader is crazy. As a matter of fact, Saddam Hussein said our leader was crazy just before we attacked. I say the same thing to both foreign leaders: It takes one to know one, and you're right for once. When are you folks in media going to go crazy and tell the truth?

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PS: I must give you your due, Tom. You took five minutes of abuse after I started cussing you for making me wait three months to give you the story of the century. At the end of the tirade you apologized, and I accept. You have said you will take up the charge. I hope so.