Subject: 2-4 RAR Short Story from Craig Hocking

**Date:** Wednesday, 12 July 2017 at 7:30:17 PM Australian Eastern Standard Time **From:** 

**Craig Hocking** 

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Name The Story: Brothers for Ever

What Year is this short from: 1989

What Company, Platoon and or Section: D Coy

Your Short Story - 500 Words or Less (you can come back and submit as many as you like, just one story per session): This story is to pay tribute to a brother and the deed he done for me. It was 1989 and I had been in town and one due to head back to lavarack for the night. Well this is where it all started to go wrong, I was heading back to base on the bike when I was involved in an accident where a car went through an intersection and I ended up in a coma and to this day I do not remember the accident, but so many do. Whist i lay in a coma at the intensive care unit at Townsville Base Hospital on life support there was 2 people that never gave up, one was me and the other was a close brother from 2/4 that goes by the name of Rowan Hobson, he came in and read a book to me each day not knowing whether I could hear him or not however this did not matter to him it was his way of showing to me that mates are mates no matter what the circumstances. To this day I still have that book. This meant so much to me and made such an imprint on my life I named my first Son after him, he was not aware of this until a few weeks ago when I spoke to him on the phone, well there was silence and I think a tear may of been shed. After so many years we made the effort to meet up and have a couple beers and catch up on the years gone by. Apart from a few years and a couple wrinkles and our sight failing it was like only yesterday we were chating and having a beer. We have made a promise to each other not to leave it so long between drinks. Thanks to a really good Mate.

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