

“Wild Geese”

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This pic, maybe you have read the Yarn where it comes from but here it goes again? It's Mr Mouncey's fault hahaha! C Coy with Black Bart as CSM, we are in RCB for 4 months over Xmas, as 8/9 RAR got sent home early for being naughty! Also at this time "Wild Geese" was the 'IN' Army Movie and all the Fellahs loved it especially the bit where all the Mercenaries all Fall out the back of the plane together in a huge Parachute jump (for you Blokes who remember it ha)! So 7 Pl are down at Pulada to do Live Firing Pl attacks, Fire and Movement in the Jungle! The Camp is 'shit' nothing open, no piss, and it's like Friday and we don't start Trg until Monday, so Grub and I have a chat and decide to take the Pl out on the piss! We go down the Highway on a Recce (in our RAAF white Toyota Land Cruiser or what ever they were, just the bench seat in front and ute tray no seats at the back) towards Johore Bahru about 10 km from Pulada on the right of the Highway we find a little off road, with row of houses/shops/Bars about 6 to 10 buildings, 2 stories, old looking pretty 'Mickey Mouse'! So we do a Recce inside and 2 Asian type 2 storey Hotels with Bars selling beer, so decide 'Yep before we start training we are going there to get on the Piss'! At 'O dark hundred' Grub takes the Lads to the Pub in 2 lifts, we are sitting in these Pubs and they are 'Pitch Black' inside and we notice these light switches on the wall so we start turning them on and off trying to find some light? Next thing all these Malay Blokes come running down from upstairs and the Mama-San is growing crazy all talking rapid Malay; so this young girl says "Stop turning those switches ON and OFF they are connected to the rooms and tell the Girls when Blokes 'Short-Time' is up and the Blokes are mad getting up the Mama-San because she is cheating them on their Short time because the girls are kicking them out when the light comes on in their room hahahaha! Anyway time to go back to Barracks and we are all pissed including driver Grub, so Grub says "Fuck this I'm not driving back to the barracks twice everyone get on"! So there is standing room only in the back of the Toyota the Lads packed in like sardines with only the little weak aluminium bar across the back to hang onto to keep them in! I'm in the front next to Grub and off we go, after a bit we pick up speed but as we speed up the weight in the back keeps lifting the front wheels off the road and we slow down again, after a few Km Grub says fuck this its taking too long and 'floors it'; well the wheels come up and we are heading towards the Rubber Plantation and 'Monty drain' so grub slams the brakes on and as the wheels take hold again off he goes down the road, I look out the back of the ute and "Stone me Crows" there is nobody there, they are all littered down the Highway as Grub was driving, so I say "Fucking stop grub you've lost the Platoon" (this highway frequently at night had HUGE logging trucks racing down it, so I'm terrified one will come over the hill and 'take out' the Platoon, so I'm running back down the road saying "Quick get up, help your mates get up and get back in the Toyota a fucking great logging truck will come in a minute"! Anyway we get back to Pulada and up to the lines and all the Blokes are saying "Fantastic that was just like that scene from 'Wild Geese' falling out the back of the Toyota", so I think Stu Hansford came up with the idea of the 'Wild Geese' T-shirt for 7 Pl haha! Anyway Feathers Peacock is

paralysed cant move his legs so we take him next morning to the Pulada Camp Hospital and admit him! Anyway later in the day Grub gets a message he has to report to the Camp RSM's office, so like many times in my career Grub says "Hey you come with me Rocket you can explain whatever it is better than me, to these pricks" haha! So we are in the RSM's office and he wants to know why there is a paralysed soldier in his Hospital, so Grub says "Oh he fell out of the back of the vehicle in Camp here when I ran over one of your speed bumps in the dark and hurt himself, I couldn't see it"? (I know the Malays call their speed bumps 'sleeping policemen' but not Grub)! So the RSM says "Oh so you ran over a 'Sleeping Policeman", Grub's face goes white and he 'Blurts' out, "You're not going to fucking get me for that, I didn't run over any policeman, sleeping or otherwise", the RSM goes "What" at this outburst of Grub's, with a really incredulous look on his face; I grab Grub quickly aside before he says anything else to get himself more in the shit and say, "Grub you fucking didn't run over anyone, that's what they call their speed bumps, sleeping policemen", Grub looks me in the eye regains his composure and says right to my face "Yes ok Rocket I knew that" hahaha! What a fucking 'bullshit artist'!

