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Name The Story: Stand To Bird

What Year is this short from: 1984

What Company, Platoon and or Section: 9 PI C Coy

Your Short Story - 500 Words or Less (you can come back and submit as many as you like, just one story per session): It's 1984 and first shake out Exercise of the year is FFBS Tully with a brand new 9 PI PL SGT Vic Geary. The PI is pretty switched on with Jungle training only having done RCB Malaysia the year before so on Stand To and Stand Down the drill was the PL Comd Andy Nairn would send the PI Sig Kevin Hogan around to tell the boys Stand To or Down, this work well, however every time Hoges goes around this strange bird cried out (hoges blowing a leaf) which puzzles Vic but life goes on and nothing is said until the last day of Ex comes and the Coy is getting on trucks when out of no where that bird call is heard, Vic cries out that " fucking bird is following us"!!!! The PI is in hysterics and Vic was still none the wiser what it was. Many years later I caught up with Vic in Perth and I told this story to the group, Vic claims he knew all along but if you had seen his reaction on the day you knew better.

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