**From: Don Poss
Date: 6/12/2021**

**To Ken de Russy,**

I really enjoyed our conversation regarding COR yesterday. The following are my random notes for our phone conversation (granted, they may be incomplete or missing some points). Please review the notes for accuracy, edit, add, or move points to a more suitable area, to your heart’s delight.

If the notes are useful for you, consider incorporating them into your story. However, I find the format interesting and informative from your point of view and could simply follow your story with a heading of “Follow up phone conversation of 6/1//2021” (and a lot less additional work for either of us). If you agree, then after you edit the below send it back to me for inclusion with your story (minus our phone numbers).

Don Poss

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**Follow up Phone conversation COR notes of 6/11/2021:** Additional information regarding Camp Coryell/SP and the duties of the SPs who served with DET-9/619th there.

**Army Camp Coryell/SP (COR) – Ken de Russy: 360-293-8621 and Don Poss, 951-264-1263.

Army Camp Coryell (COR):**
\* Army Air Field had a runway of about 1800 feet for the Hueys.
\* COR itself was about 2000 feet length.

**155th AHC was at COR from 1970 to 14 Dec 1970.**
\* **Did SPs sneak rides with the 155th**?
 - No. No contact with them, other than observing their activities flying in and out of the Air Field.
 - AHC flew Hueys, Slicks (the smaller bubble command type helicopter) and Gunships.
 Ordnance was rockets, miniguns, and ammo for Hueys.
**\* Did SPs use any of the 155th AHC Army facilities**, such as theatre or clubs? Yes.
 **USAF TUY 31st SPS DET-9/619th TCS/SP, at Camp Coryell, BMT, RVN:**\* **Date ranges the DET-9/619th TCS/SP at COR?** - About 1965-1970 or 1971 early.
 - About 110 yards from the Army Air Field perimeter.
\* **Number of SPs at COR**? About 70-80.
 - **TUY 31st SPS DET-9 (619th)** with a COR rotation every 90 days of about 8 SPs.
 - 619th/SP at COR was located within the COR Army perimeter.
 - We were told not to fire due to friendly-fire danger.
\* **619th SP COR casualties?**
 - No. No KIA or WIA.
 - No shots were ever fired. Never saw a VC.
\* **SP K9?**
 - NO. Only Army K9.
**\* SP Quarters:**
 - At first, we billeted downtown in a hotel that also housed a brothel.
 - The Army guys thought we used that facility, but we did not.
 - Later, the old Red Horse quarters became available for about 8 of us SPs to use on COR.

**COR/SP Area (protecting USAF assets):
\* Dimensions:** 100x150 yards – AF area.
\* **Within the COR 619th perimeter area** (No Perimeter fence):
 - MARS radio Station, small exchange but never opened.
 - Front and Back Gate.
 - Generators.
 - An old Exchange building that was never opened.
\* **SP Gun bunker positions in each corner**. Two of the bunkers were two sandbags tall with maybe a
 hole dug inside. The other two were better (?).
\* **TOWER –** 30-foot-tall concrete structure, and the tallest at COR:
 - .50 cal. (?) [Army history says they bought an .50 cal for the tower]
 - There was an M60 on top of a wooden roof. Tower (or bunkers) Partially underground (?).
 - There may have been a (Xenon; army says they bought one for the tower) light, but if so, it never
 worked when I was there.
 - **VC were absolutely trying to take out our tower** with RPGs (audio tapes).
 - **The SP Tower looked across COR**. I could see AHC Hueys practicing combat landings and take offs.
 - **Mortars for illumination or support?** No.

\* **The USAF 185th provided O-1 was next to us.

TUY Air Base closed** Sep/Oct 1970.

**\* Maps of COR Air Field and SP location**.

***Years after the Vietnam War***, I checked maps and online trying to locate where COR was located just outside BMT city (province capital). I found the exact spot where the Tower once stood, and the area had developed and at that exact spot was a bar or tavern. I found online photos of its insides, and there were some old photos of the war. I wrote to the website owner and told him the Tower stood exactly where his business was located and asked if he wanted a photo of it, which I had included (Ken, I forgot his response, if any?).