

Collection Title: Army Language School Historical Collection
Collection Number: RG 24.05

Abstract: The Army Language School Historical Collection consists of 2.5 cubic feet of records regarding the history of the Army Language School (ALS) and the creation of DLIWC (Defense Language Institute-West Coast). Boxes 01 and 02 contain original "information bulletins" about basic situations, information for faculty members, a code of ethics for faculty, the Realia City, and use of weapons in the weapons display room. One issue on accreditation concerned college credit for courses taken at the Army Language School (ALS); this file covers 1948-1959 and was a controversial issue. Management training of faculty during 1957 and in 1962 focused on training ALS faculty; civilian and military to become more effective managers. An original German Lesson plan is included in this file group as well as memos and publications from the Training Section of the Army Language School.

The documents within boxes 03 to 06 appear to have been acquired by James McNaughton, former Command Historian at DLI, to support research for a comprehensive history of the Army Language School. Evidence suggests that at least some of these records came out of the early Public Affairs Office. However, provenance of the records however remains unclear. The records consist of the MISLS move to Monterey, formation of ALS, administration of ALS and the eventual consolidation of DLI.

Valuable historical information about the formation of ALS and DLI available within this collection consists of organizational charts, departmental timelines, instructor recruitment (including hiring issues and quality of instructors), and statistical information on the number of students graduated, retention, and costs per student.

The date range of the collection is 1939 to 1969.

Extent

2.5 cubic feet (5 .5 cubic feet boxes)

Descriptive Summary

Title: Army Language School Historical Collection

Dates: 1939-1969

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Creator: Various

Collection Size: 2.5 cubic feet

Physical location: Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center Archives

Languages: Languages represented in the collection: English

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Preferred Citation

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Acquisition and Custodial History

The Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center Archives acquired the Army Language School Historical Collection through internal transfer of records.

Folder List

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Folder 1 - Accreditation: college credit for ALS courses, 1948-1959

Folder 2 - Information bulletin for faculty members – ALS, 1948-1953

Folder 3 - ALS guide: training, academic dean, bookstore, book issue, bulletin, etc., 1950-1954

Folder 4 - Classroom techniques: faculty notes II pamphlet, 1951-1957

Folder 5 - Russian class of 1952

Folder 6 - ALS academic training bulletin, 1955

Folder 7 - ALS historical information / photos from former teacher, Wesley Swanson, N/D

Folder 8 - ALS information: Basic Situations handbook, 1955

Folder 9 - Dedication - academic building & student dormitory, 1957

Folder 10 - Far Eastern language division: administration & policies, 1957

Folder 11 - Army personnel management class, 1957

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Folder 1 - Statistical study of classes graduated during 1957-1958

Folder 2 - Code of ethics - US Army Language School, 1958-1959

Folder 3 - Event programs: graduation, Armed Forces Day, & musical concert, 1958-1959

Folder 4 - Robert Mason, ALS graduate – USAF, 1958-1959

Folder 5 - Pamphlet: Introduction to the Army Language School, N/D

Folder 6 - German lesson plan – ALS, 1956
Folder 7 - MOS for Army personnel trained at ALS, 1959
Folder 8 - Survey of interviews with foreign ALS students, 1960
Folder 9 - Weapons display room brochure – ALS, 1960
Folder 10 - The Tridimensional Realia City (language training aid) – ALS, 1961
Folder 11 - ALS management training, 1962
Folder 12 - DLI statistics (funding, languages taught, students, etc), 1964-1969
Folder 13 - Award of merit / Military Appreciation Day Proclamation, 1962-1966
Folder 14 - Technical report # 69-2, "Student Attitudes & Foreign Language Learning", 1969

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Folder 2 - Army Language School (ALS), 1946
Folder 3 - Army Language School (ALS), 1947
Folder 4 - Language Training Conference, Washington, D.C
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Folder 13 - Army Language School (ALS), 1961
Folder 14 - DLIWC - organizing and initial directives, 1963
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Folder 2 - A History of ALS and Consolidation of DLI - Part I. Purpose, Mission, General History

Folder 3 - A History of ALS and Consolidation of DLI - Part II: Political Controversies

Folder 4 - A History of ALS and Consolidation of DLI - Part III: Training

Folder 5 - A History of ALS and Consolidation of DLI - Part IV: Language Departments

Folder 6 - Activation - Deactivation DLIWC, 1962-1963

Folder 7 - Organizing of DLI, 1962-1963

Folder 8 - DLI HQ Implementing Instructions, 1963