

Institute of Far Eastern Languages
Yale University
New Haven, Connecticut

SO YOU WANT TO GO TO YALE?

Don't believe everything you hear about the courses in Far Eastern Languages at Yale or the conditions of life there - not quite everything. Wishful thinking sometimes builds up a picture which does not accord with the facts. Well, what do you want to know about life in New Haven?

LIVING CONDITIONS?

Not so bad. Two to four men to a room in College dormitories, make your own beds and keep your room clean and in order, but the janitors do the heavy cleaning. So you do get charge of quarters once in a coon's age; there aren't many 'details'.

Food? Well, we admit that's a weak spot. No TDY - forget that dream. You draw \$2.57 per day food allowance and spend it as you please at the College Commons or in the grub joints of New Haven. Every man to his taste. (But there's nickel coffee at coffee break!)

Clothes? Yes, bring your civvies, but don't wear them until school is out at 4:00 p.m. Uniform in class and properly policed; uniforms must be worn correctly or not at all, same as anywhere in the service.

Car? That's up to you. But parking on the streets of New Haven is something to avoid. And Yale does not furnish parking.

Wife and kids? That also is up to you. Sure, you can live off base if you can stand the expense. Some of our airmen do. And it doesn't seem to interfere with their work. Perhaps it even helps.

TIME OFF?

The school day is from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (800-1600 hrs to you) involving six hours of class. Oh yes, you get an hour off at noon for lunch. Of course there's the old homework problem you had in high school. Same line -- the more homework the better results when you come to order chopsuey. And no two men require the same amount of homework. The teachers do drill it into you at school, but you still have to study on your own.

Weekends? Freedom depends on satisfactory grades and good behavior. That's up to the C.O. of the Detachment, not to the school. And a weekend means from 4:00 Friday to midnight Sunday.

Vacations? Yes, you get time Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, the Fourth of July and ten days at Christmas. If you are fated to arrive in April for a long eight-month drag through to December, you get a week off during July or August. Pretty soft! -- but it depends on your work and attitude.

THE COURSE?

Be warned. If you think life on the Yale campus has any resemblance to the life of Reilly, think again.

The backbone of the course is hour after hour of drill in sections of eight men, by native teachers. There are also hours of work with sound recordings of the lesson materials -- you learn by ear far more than by eye. Plenty of machines available free in the laboratories at all times of the day, but you can rent one and take it home if you like. The patterns of speech are explained to you by trained linguists. You are given comprehension exercises to build up the ability to translate quickly into English what you hear.

Grades? And how! Remember, you will be carefully screened here at Lackland, so that none but the best bets get to Yale. There will be no excuse for anyone failing for lack of ability - only for lack of effort, or for some personal reason that has nothing to do

with brains. It would be an insult if we let you get by with a C-grade after we reject all of the C's in the screening at Lackland. The passing grade is C $\frac{7}{8}$, and most of you will do a lot better than that. If this doesn't appeal, please don't get yourself chosen.

Flunkers? Yes, we still have a few of them. They have to be reassigned. Does it affect their service records? That depends on the reason for flunking. Sickness? - no. Poor attitude? - yes. It is on record that we graduated two classes 100%. It can be done, so it's going to be done again. Will it be your class? It's up to you.

WHERE DOES THIS GET ME?

Are you thinking of applying for officer training? Then don't take the language course. No application for OCS during this course. Afterward? Yes, that's possible.

Some men ask to go to Yale in the belief that if they don't like it when they get there, they can quit. Not with a clean service record. You're being warned now that the time to quit is before you are selected for this course.

The Air Force needs career men with training in Far Eastern Languages. After 8 or 12 months training, you go to the Far East and use this language tool for 12 - 18 months. Before the end of your tour you will get a chance to apply for a second eight months at Yale for further language training. The Air Force has need of language specialists. And when you leave the service, remember that some office of government or business with Far Eastern interests may need men with just your training or you may decide to complete your college course and then do graduate work in Far Eastern Studies. This is a highly specialized field and the openings in it are not many, but the need for such trained specialists is real and qualified personnel increasingly are hard to find.

In any case, we hope you plan to finish college. When you satisfactorily complete this course in language you will receive a certificate. You may also

ask us at any time to send a transcript of your record here to the admissions officer of any college you may apply to. The transcript will specify the number of college credits your study of the language is worth. The admissions officer will consider this evaluation in giving you advanced standing. Just how much of it he can accept will depend on the requirements for the course you plan to take, for in many programs the number of language credits permissible is limited. On the strength of our transcripts, airmen have received up to 24 credits in foreign language, thus in an extreme case saving as much as a semester of college work.

HOW ABOUT IT, AIRMAN?

1. Wouldn't you really rather get into some other line of work?
2. Are you interested enough in this program to work like a slave for 8 to 12 months?
3. Are you determined to stick it through, come hell or high water?