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MD 13

(Plates 27-28)

Introduction

The maintenance of records of travellers who were allowed passage through a point of control on a communications' line is exemplified in UD 5 and TD 8, and, as will be seen, it is suggested that the individuals concerned in those documents were civilians rather than military personnel. By way of contrast, the document which is represented in the fragments of MD 13 was probably a record of passage granted through military lines, and the great majority of the individuals who are specified were officers serving in the forces. The strips include not only the names and titles of the officers but also the reasons for their journeys together with the date and time of the occasion. In all cases the officers were proceeding inwards, usually to go to the headquarters of the hou-kuan. Probably the record was made at one of the watch towers of the main defence line, and the officers who are named came from units which were established further forward. Some of the named units that are mentioned here appear in the reconstructed order of battle of Ito as subordinate parts of the Chia-ch'd hou-kuan, and it is likely that the headquarters of that unit was the destination of the officers concerned.

There is considerable variation in the length of

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these inscriptions, owing to the different circumstances or reasons that are given for each case. The dates are given precisely, but unfortunately no year is specified. The overriding similarity of form and handwriting strongly suggests that the strips derive from the work of one clerk, but as the dates will not fit any single calendar year (between 100 B.C and 100 A.D.), the period that is covered must be ethen to extend over two or more years. If two years only were involved, dates can be suggested as follows:

for nos.1-9 and no.46:

56 B.C. or 2 A.D.

for nos. 10-37

55 B.C. or 3 A.D.

with the exception of no.46, where the reading is questionable. If more than two years were concerned, there are obviously more possibilities. If the tentative reading suggested for no.31 is accepted, that year may be referring to the first year of the period ydan shih T 43 (1 A.D.); and in this case MD 13 could be dated at 2-3 A.D.

There are a few variations in the names of the hours that are mentioned. The fifth hour is usually termed 圣食 (cf.MD 3), but occasionally it is called 食 片 (nos. [16?] and 25) or 食生 (no.3; cf.TD 1 no.1); the ninth hour, usually 下食 (cf. MD 3 and TD 2) is once called 食 生 (no.29); and 免食, which is not understood, is seen in no.36.

The fact that X is usually written — in Han documents has frequently led to confusion between the two

Although there are several cases numbers 7 and 10. in MD 13 (e.g. nos.3,17,27,28) where + occurs, * is probably written in no.1. In commenting on this question. Lao Kan (K'ao p.75) cites the use of in 61.24, which is dated 31 A.D., and observes a case of corruption arising from the use of this character in the Shih-chi is seen in inscription no.12, which is dated in 534 A.D., and that this character was subsequently used by T'ang writers. The reading k, which is preferred here, is supported by inscription no.9 (dated 12 A.D.; both Jung Keng 岩庚 and Lao Kan, loc. cit., read 泵) and by a similar form 未 , which appears several times in Ch. 592 (dated 20-21 A.D.; Chavannes reads 未).

There are references in these strips to 等年 (nos.10,15,22,23 and 47) and 首年 (nos.6,17 and 32). 音车 presumably dendotes subordinate troops,i.e.those who were members of the unit itself. The phrase is also

seen in 32.7, and is comparable with 节史in no.14.

is also seen in 58.16;59.33;133.8;139.39A;159.21;
176.18;234.9;269.4;and,possibly,M 68. The term is
thought to denote troops detached from their own units for
temporary service elsewhere, and this explanation is supported by the following strips, in which is used with the
meaning "detached to" or "transferred to":87.7,87.8;
127.27;132.29;145.33;214.118;254.17;285.1; and,possibly,
78.46; see also no.33 in MD 13, where the meaning is by
no means certain.

In the notes that follow the translation of these strips, variant readings are not mentioned in two cases:

- is read in nos.1,4,8,9,13,19-21,26,37,41,
 43 and 50, but this is usually taken as in SW,

 Chia and LK. The character is seen in a similar

 context in 140.19 and 459.2, and the same element
 is seen in the character in in 495.9,503.7 and
 in inscription no.1, column 11.
- (b) 果 in nos.10,15 and 22-24;SW,Chia and LK usually read 原 (in no.23 Chia reads 入果);a further instance is seen in 222.6,222.7;in the instances here the character is written variously果 or 葉, but not with .

Other fragments which can be identified as parts of a record such as MD 13 are seen in 59.36;95.3;110.7; 115.1;123.46;210.31;222.6,222.7;258.21;481.1B; and 482.20 (also, where the site of discovery is unknown, 78.13;140.19; 395.12; and 459.2). It is possible that 203.35 can be associated as part of the same strip as no.5.

A close parallel to the strips collected here is seen in Ch. 436 and, possibly, Ch. 375. Another form in which the movements of officers were recorded is seen in Ch. 80-83.

It is to be inferred from Sommarström (pp.262-3 and 271) that group 458 was found at site P 9 locality 22, and not at one of the localities of MD. In this case either no.13 is incorrectly included here, or it has been misnumbered as 458.2.

Subsequent entries, in a different hand, have been made on nos.17 and 32; and no.29 (and possibly no.36) has been used later for practice in writing (these marks are omitted in the transcription).

1	26.12	140	194	187	(2)
8	? ?	and don't was	crops depaid enter	data silifi dara	No.1 in Jao; not shown on Plate 27.
3	203.38	159	(*** (#** ***)	18 8	
4	203.17	162	allik esta dere	188	
5	203.64	159	****	18 8	
6	203.1	133		186	

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7	286.11	dib ain ma	1560	till the ein-	
8	203.11	13 3	grap of the same	507	
9	176.39	240	State term (Selle)	203	
10	244.4) 244.6)	301	1291	207	
11	257.31	248	sillo cirib sillo	203	
12	286.24	301	1566	207	
13	458.2	433	app elije die-	217	In SW as 458.
14	16 8. 5 224.13	331	967	211	In SW as 168.
15	133.16	214	769	199	
16	264.10	219	aniji alilih 444	19 9	
17	254.15	229	1307	201	In LK as 254.25.
18	525.5	260	2297	204	
19	168.18	321	974	210	In SW as 168.16.
20	254.19	299	1311	207	
21	254.6	298	1299	234	
22	254.8	229	disting system. Selfate	201	In SW,LK as 254.9
23	89.11	234	508	808	
24	254.2	299	1298	207	
25	286.21	-	1562		
26	254.9	229	ages after than	201	In SW,LK as 254.8
27	203.24	162	capes grips while	188	In SW as 203.18
28	203.18	162	COMM COMM COMM	188	
29	160.7	230	2430	201	
30	266.4	313	1391	209	
31	203.40	159	gath gare was	18 8	

		808	506	234	89.5	32
		199	765	218	133.15	33
Shown in Chia	>	188	988	166	174.6	34
as pieces of the same strip.	} }	281	98 8	166	174.10	35
		217	allia della grap	433	482.8	36
		207	958	302	161.7	37
		210	500 Mar 170	321	168.15	38
		476	with state time	444	287.22	39
		21 1		336	287.16	4 0
		208		310	188.24	41
		184	ALCO MAP WITH	109	413.8	42
		203	2425	242	286.30	43
		206	with gree with	289	178.26	44
		206		285	231.5	4 .5
		206		284	231.28	46
		233	441	250	59.17	47
		189		167	174.14	48
		189	Special States reports	167	174.9	49
		196	400 ers 470	188	52.62	50

Notes:

- (1) Occasionally, e.g. nos. 5, 25, the reason is not stated.
- (2) For the existence of units outside the main lines see 288.7, which refers to 室外喜族, and HSXCIVA, 286.
- (3) See Ito p.241. This scheme has been accepted by Lao Kan in TP (Preface pp.9-11), although a different and earlier

scheme is given in <u>K'ao</u> pp.38-40. The Che-yao <u>hou</u>, which is mentioned in no.13, is assigned by Itō and Lao to the San-shih-ching ### hou-kuan, but the evidence is by no means certain; there are also reasons for doubting whether no.13 has been included here correctly (see p.404)

- (4) See Hulsewé (1) p.11 and Yang (1) p.75. The different forms of the characters used for numbers are discussed in Yü shih VIII, 32a et seq. (BSS pp.284f.).
- (5) Various readings are suggested; see note to no.(1) below.
- (6) 來始 in place of 表始; of HS XXII, 16b for 火始; Lao Kan also cites inscriptions nos. 10 and 11.
- (7) See Hulsewé (1) pp. 34-5; Fujieda (1) p. 307; Moni (7) p. 350.

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MD

第十三隊長當黑召銷官來月葵丑番食入

城北侯長克職事數毋狀詣官自數八月甲申平旦入

第七侯長譚持射具論官射八月甲午食口人

3

2

口口士吏殿召 部官八月甲午日中人

…長口皆官八月甲午下解入

第七八隊長馬萬将省卒皆官八月乙未逐食入

臨之隊長威為部市禁論官封符八月戊戌平旦人

敬馬夢隊長調召皆官八月戊戌平旦入

制磨隊長房召詣官八月戊戌

9

8

5

口將部卒皆官東正月戊寅至食入

第世三隊長忠竹塞選當官正月戊寅盛食入

第世二樣長該調守臨木侯史皆官正月辛巴下師人

遮要使長上官客召豁官三月己卯平旦入

第七人侯史良皆官受部吏奉三月乙西平旦入

第一隊長該將部卒當官東三月两戏至食人

第世隊長剪囚死請官取喪五月年已食時入

第七人侯長譚送宿卒皆官五月己丑蚤食入

…四四侯長放詣官六月年亥蚤食入

四人

17

18

16

15

14

13

12

11

第八樣長宣召皆官六月五子下師人

第九隊長宣召皆官六月生子下師入

第一隊長翻將部卒皆官真六月癸丑平旦人

第一個隊長鳳將部卒部自首不六月葵丑平旦入

萬歲隊長放將口部官東六月癸丑平旦入

釺庭侯長水 皆官六月癸丑食時入

口候史良召請官六月甲寅平旦入

26

75

24

23

22

21

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上玩不持則具囚

麦不及到部謹持智能自射!

七月丁亥至食入

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七月丁玄蚕食入

萬夢士吏就對府遇當官十月庚午下解入

士吏母召卒墨部官八月辛未解坐入

察微隊長昌將省卒皆官土月甲戌平旦入 口口僕長譚皆官上元口元年口口十一月甲戌昼食人

馬望幸趙小奴二月正月已首禾

31

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29

28

第世三侯史良 能延受部 …

吏奉七月庚子平旦入

十二月甲,吳免食入

第十七侯長立召詣官十二月己已盛食入 亥下師入

第一隊長趙並初除詣官

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37

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35

34

皆官自口十月辛已食坐入

監相隊長當官召指官~

己西日下師人

萬歲候史段召請官四月甲寅平旦入

平旦人

···木旗長王客當官受 ···

武體隊長並持延水卒賣錢部官門月辛西

第六隊長護將部车

不侵候長學站

第十字僕長欲當官受吏奉十一月

第四候長放召部官三月口戌

48 50 49

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Translation

- 1 Tang, OC no. 13 sui, proceeding to the [hou] kuan as summoned; admitted at 5 hours, on kuei ch'ou, seventh month. ...
- 2 K'o, OC Ch'eng-pei hou, proceeding to the [hou] kuan for [voluntary detention ?], in view of his frequent failure to carry out his duties competently; admitted at 3 hours, on chia shen, eighth month.
- 3 T'an, OC no. 17 hou, proceeding to the [hou]-kuan with archery equipment for shooting; admitted at [5?] hours, on chia wu, eighth month.
- 4 Pao, shih li of ..., proceeding to the [hou]-kuan as summoned; admitted at 7 hours, on chia wu, eighth month.
- 5 ... OC ..., proceeding to the [hou] <u>kuan</u>; admitted at 9 hours, on <u>chia</u> wu, eighth month. ...
- 6 Ma Wan, OC no. 28 sui, proceeding to the [hou]-kuan with a party of detached men; admitted at 5 hours on i wei, eighth month.
- 7 Wei, OC Lin-chih <u>sui</u>, purchasing medicine for his troops, and proceeding to the [<u>hou</u>] <u>kuan</u> to [obtain a] sealed pass; admitted at 3 hours, on <u>wu hsd</u>, eighth month.
- 8 Hst, OC Ching-lu sui, proceeding to the [hou]-kuan as summoned; admitted at 3 hours, on wu hst, eighth month. ..
- 9 Fang, OC Chih—lu <u>sui</u>, proceeding to the [hou]—kuan as summoned ...wu hsd, eighth month. ...

- 10 ...proceeding to the [hou]-kuan with a party of his men to draw rations; admitted at 5 hours, on wu yin, first month.
- 11 Chung, OC no. 23 <u>sui</u>, proceeding to the [hou] <u>kuan</u> after returning from a tour of the defence lines; admitted at 5 hours, on <u>wu yin</u>, first month ...
- 12 Pao, OC no. 22 km sui, proceeding to the [hou]-kuan on transfer to be hou-shih, on probation, of Lin-mu hou; admitted at 9 hours, on hein sau, first month. ...
- 13 Shang-kuan K'6,0C Che-yao hou, proceeding to the [hou]-kuan as summoned; admitted at 3 hours, on chi mac, third month. ...
- 14 Liang, hou-shih of no.23 hou, proceeding to the [hou] kuan to take receipt of pay for the officers of that unit; admitted at 3 hours, on i yu, third month. ...
- 15 Pao, OC no. 2 <u>sui</u>, proceeding to the [<u>hou</u>] <u>kuan</u> with a party of his men to draw rations; admitted at 5 hours, on ping had, third month. ...
- 16 Tsun, OC no. 21 sui, proceeding to the [hou]-kuan [to obtain a coffin ?] on the death of ...; admitted at [5 hours, on hain ssu, fifth month.]
- 17 T'an, OC no. 17 hou, proceeding to the [hou]-kuan with detached men under escort; admitted at 5 hours, on chich ou, fofth month. Four men. ...
- 18 ... Fang, OC ... 4 hou, proceeding to the [hou]-kuan;

- admitted at 5 hours, on hain hai, sixth month.
- Liang, OC San-tui sui, proceeding to the [hou]-kuan as summoned; admitted at 9 hours, on hain hai, sixth month,
- 20 Hstan, OC no. 8 sui, proceeding to the [hou] kuan as summoned; admitted at 9 hours, on jen tzu, sixth month.
- 21 Hsüan, OC no. 9 <u>sui</u>, proceeding to the [<u>hou</u>] <u>kuan</u> as summoned; admitted at 9 hours, on <u>jen tzu</u>, sixth month.
- Hst, OC no. 1 sui, proceeding to the [hou] kuan with a party of his men to draw rations; admitted at 3 hours, on kuei ch'ou, sixth month.
- Feng, OC no. 14 <u>sui</u>, proceeding to the [hou] <u>kuan</u> with a party of his men to draw rations; admitted at 3 hours, on <u>kuei</u> ch'ou, sixth month.
- Fang, OC Wan-sui sui, proceeding to the [hou]-kuan with a party of ... to draw rations; admitted at 3 hours, on kuei ch'ou, sixth month.
- Yung, OC Ping-t'ing hou, proceeding to the [hou]-kuan; admitted at 5 hours, on kuei ch'ou, sixth month. ...
- 26 ...Liang, hou-shih of ..., proceeding to the [hou]-kuan as summoned; admitted at 3 hours, on chia yin, sixth month.
- Fang, OC T'un-yüan hou; on the previous day he had proceed to the [hou]-kuan to submit the reports on the degrees of merit of his subordinates, without carrying archery equipment. The 28th day of the appointed month was at hand; his unit was some distance away, and he

could not reach it. As in duty bound, he was proceeding to the [hou]-kuan with a bow; admitted at 5 hours, on ting hai, seventh month.

- of merit of his subordinates, without carrying archery equipment...some distance away, and he could not reach it. As in duty bound, he was proceeding to the [hou] kuan with a bow; admitted at 5 hours, on ting hai, seventh month.
- Yen, shih-li, proceeding to the [hou]-kuan on return from summoning certain men; admitted at 9 hours on hain wei, eighth month.
- on return from answering charges at the [tu-wei]-fu; admitted at 9 hours, on keng wu, tenth month. ...
- T'an, OC ... hou, proceeding to the [hou] -kuan to submit
 ... of the first year of yuan ...; admitted at 5 hours,
 on chia had, elementh month. ...
- Ch'ang, OC Ch'a-wei <u>sui</u>, proceeding to the [<u>hou</u>] <u>kuan</u>

 with a perty of detached men; admitted at 3 hours, on

 <u>chia hsd</u>, eleventh month. Chao Hsiao-nu, private,

 of Ssu-wang [<u>sui</u>], drew rations for the twelfth and

 first months.
- Yin, hou-shih of no.10 hou, proceeding to the [hou]-kuan to make a personal ... in view of his failure to carry out his duties. While Yin was detached to Fa tz'u, private

Kao Feng, of no.13 <u>sui</u> in his command, went out to work in the farming settlement of the central sector, Wang tz'u; there was fighting, and Hsü Wu, male, was wounded. Admitted at [5?] hours on <u>hsin ssu</u>, eleventh month.

- 34, Liang, hou-shih of no.23 hou, proceeding to the ting
 35
 to take receipt of pay for officers of that unit; admitted
 at 3 hours, on keng tzu, eleventh month. ...
- 36 ...admitted at ...hours, on chia yin, twelfth month. ...
- Iti,00 no.17 hou, proceeding to the [hou]-kuan as summoned; admitted at 5 hours, on chi ssu, twelfth month.
- 38 ...admitted at 9 hours, on ...hai ...
- Ohao Ping, OC no.1 sui, proceeding to the [hou]-kuan on taking up his appointment ...
- 40 ...admitted at 5 hours ...
- I Kuan, OC Lin-t'ung sui, proceeding to the [hou]-kuan as summoned ...
- 42 ... admitted at 9 hours on the day chi yu ...
- 43 Tuan, hou-shih of Wan-swi hou, proceeding to the [hou]-kuan as summoned; admitted at 3 hours on chia yin
 ...month.
- 44 ...admitted at 3 hours ...
- Wang K'o, OC ...mu hou, proceeding to the [hou] kuan to take receipt of ...
- 46 Ping, OC Wu-ch'iang sui, proceeding to the [hou]-kuan with the monetary claims of private soldiers of

[Chüyen and Chien-shui ?] ...on hsin [yu?],inter-calary month. ...

- 47 Hu, OC no. 6 sui, with a party of his men ...
- 48 Yen, OC Pu-ch'in hou, proceeding to ...
- 49 Yü, OC (probationary) of no.10 hou , proceeding to the [hou]-kuan to take receipt of officers' pay ...eleventh month ...
- Fang, OC no. 4 hou, proceeding to the [hou]-kuan as summoned; ...hsd...third month ...

Notes

- 2 數 is written 以 , and 數 is used for 数 ; see Jao (2).
- 3 X sw, LK -

持 SW,LK 将

5 口 SW,LK 寂

- 6 平 SW 亭 强 LK 多
- 8 in no. 22.
- 10 口 SW, Chia 禪 LK 俾
- 11 選 以 置

蚤以君

MD 13 this form is seen in no.15; SW for the meaning of this term see Hulsewe (1) p.31. SW, Chia 提 LK 聚 口不幸 SW, LK 送 SW 通 SW, Chia, LK 第回 III 18 亥 SW, Chia 20 宣 LK omits 召 Chen (4) 名 SW,LK 宜 22 東 SW,LK 集 sw 西 23 東 Chia 入 粟 □ sw, Chia 部 27 七月 SW, LK 十月

The meaning of the strip is not certain. It seems that Fang was making a journey to the hou-kuan with his reports, and realised, on arrival at the point of control, that the date specified for the tests in archery was near at hand. However, he was not carrying the requisite equipment, and would be unable to return to his own unit to comlect it and be back in time for presentation at the tests. After a day, in which he was able to acquire a bow, he proceeded on his way, being admitted within the defence lines to do so. See Fujieda (1) pp. 338-9, who adds dake in his translation of the strip "carrying a bow only".

It has been suggested above that these strips can be dated in 55 B.C. or 3 A.D. (or possibly 60 A.D.)

In these cases ting hai fell on the 13th (14th) day of the seventh month. If the explanation of the strip is accepted, it would follow that the interval of fifteen (or fourteen) days until the 28th was insufficient for Fang to make the journey from the controlpoint to his unit and thence to double back to the how kuan for the tests.

This strip is almost certainly couched in terms that are identical with those of no.27.

- ment of the hou kuan. Yen had presumably been sent out on a mission from the hou kuan to summon certain soldiers, and the strip records his admittance on reentry.
- 30 Whereas Wan sui appears as the name of an hou and a sui, it has not been seen as an hou kuan, but the title

 Wan sui shih li implies that such a unit existed.

 For the meaning of the see Remnants p.76.
- 31 口口僕 SW,LK 第六僕. This is unlikely in view of the numbering system of the hou; see Yoneda (1) p.59. 上元口元年口口 SW,LK 上元焊二口口口 32 起 Chia 楊
- 33 The translation is tentative. 代義, and 亡舅, which have been taken as proper names, have not been traced.

省 SW, LK omit 代 SW, LK, 代 人 Chlen (4) 其第 SW, LK 其 亡 SW, LK 毋 自口 SW, Chia, LK 自開

It is not understood to what establishment this refers. In other instances in which pay was being collected (e.g.nos.14,49), visits were made to the hou-kuan.

45 候 SW 飞机
46 延八 Not traced as a proper name. The type of abbreviation on which the tentative translation is based has not been observed elsewhere.

47-護 SW, LK 言赞 49十-月SW 十月 50 口戌 LK 庚戌

MD 14 and 15 (Plates 6 and 3) Introduction

The work to which soldiers were put when they were not engaged in military duties is illustrated in MD 14.MD 15 and MD 16. Two of these records (MD 14 and MD 15) were made out ina very similar form, i.e. each strip shows the tasks on which individual.named soldiers were engaged over a consecutive period; an introductory strip probably specified the period, and possibly the major unit, that was concerned. In MD 14 the name of the soldier is regularly followed by the entries for seven occasions of work; there is then a space on the strips, and entries for two further occasions. Probably the fragments refer to the work done in the last nine days of a short month; similar records made out for the two earlier parts of the month would each have carried entries for ten days, without a space such as that in MD 14. Alternately, the spaces where no entry was made. may have been due to the absence of mentfrom work on a particular day. Elsewhere, however, absence from work is entered and a reason given, e.g. sickness or rest (MD 15 no.3 and MD 16 no.10), and it is therefore unlikely that the spaces in MD 14 are to be explained on such grounds. In MD 15 the form of the document was identical with that of MD 14, except that the month was divided into

two rather than three parts, so that each strip may have recorded the work done on fifteen (or fourteen) (1) occasions.

Of the types of work mentioned in MD 14
治皇 i.e. the manufacture of sun-baked bricks, is the most easily understood. Sommarström (p. 262) gives the figures of 37 by 15 by 11 cm. as the "normal Han size" for bricks, and cites Stein as giving 13 by 7.5 by 4 inches as the "regulation size". These figures may be compared with those given in the following strip (187.6,187.25):

皇屋 八十夏六十長尺八十一枚用土八什水二升二升 "For each brick, of breadth 8 inches, width 6 inches and length 1 foot 8 inches, use .8 shih clay and .22 shih (3) water" [I.e. 41 by 18 by 14 cm.]

This task also features in strips found at Tunhuang, e.g. Ch.99-101, 279, 281-4, 673. Here however the word tso / is used in place of chin / A further difference is to be seen in the quantity of bricks me de daily. In MD 14 this is given regularly as 80 bricks, and this figure is comparable with that of 65 to 80 which is seen in some of the fragments from Tunhuang. There are also instances (Ch.279, 281-4 and 287) in which 150 bricks were made by each man daily. Chevannes (note to no.99) explains the difference as being due to the different size of the bricks that were made; alternatively, conditions of climate or location may have been responsible. A further possibility

is that the difference depended on the skill or experience of the men. In this connection there may be some significance in the words ### "The first occasion on which [these men] made bricks"; these are appended to Ch. 99, which records the manufacture of 70 bricks during the day.

族土, which is seen also in MD 15, is taken by Fujieda (1) p.320 to mean the work of scaling windblown deposits from the walls as a means of protection. 上 however may refer to the clay used to make the bricks, as in 187.6,187.25 and in the phrase 柱 "clay hammering" (MD 14 no.3); and the meaning of 英 could possibly be "to put aside for a purpose" (cf. the use of the character to mean appointment of officials). The rendering that is given here is tentative.

Fujieda (1) p. 321 explains (MD 15 no.3) as the work of plastering or white-washing the walls of the towers (See Serindia II, p. 658; Ch. 102-111).

来載, which occurs repeatedly in MD 15, is taken by Fujieda (1) p. 320 as the work of stacking bricks, either at the place of store or on the working site. The comparable phrase 美 is seen in Ch. 98, where two men stacked 5560 bricks, presumably during one day's work; (MD 15 no. 3) may refer to the same type of work. (Fujieda (1) p. 319 offers no explanation).

The very clear similarity of form and writing in MD 14 strongly supports the association of these

fragments as parts of the same document, and it is remarkable that the pieces derive from no less than ten different groups. It is probable that nos. 3 and 4 can be fitted together (no. 3 overlapping no. 4); and the two pairs 5 and 6, and 7 and 8 may each have formed parts of one strip.

		M D 14			
1	286.29) 61.7)	158	433	229	In SW as 67.7
2	89.22	234		232	In SW as 9.22
3	220.8	287	1231	234	
4	525.7	260		233	
5	188.28	310		235	
6	482.6	433		238	
7	168.16	320		236	
8	27.8	506		239	
9	254.22	230		231	
10	27.12	503		239	
		MD 15			
1	525.4	260		233	
ន	76.49	181	Carlos Series Sales	230	

Notes:

203.8

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(1) Cf.MD 17, where the month is divided, for working purposes, into either two or three parts.

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- (2) I.e. 33 by 19 by 10 cm. The dimensions of bricks are given in Serindia II pp. 568,651,658,662,680 etc.; and 737, n. /2 /4; and in Sommarström pp. 34,39,88 etc.
- (3) For the interpretation of these quantities as parts of the shih / see Grain measurement pp.64 and 87f.
- (4) The form of these strips is comparable with that seen in MD 16.

420 MD 14 第世四隊卒孫長 第世四隊卒富承 第十四隊卒韓動 治整八十 治整八十 除土 治數八十 椎土 治數十治數八十除土 治髮什除土除土除土 除土 除土 除土 除土 除土 除土

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第世一隊卒司馬忠治聖八十

治擊什

治墼公除土 隆 除土 除土除土除土 除土 隆隆

第五樣一年高登

治墼囚

治魁二十

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隊卒口口

除土

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MD 14 Translation

- Sun Chang, private, no. 24 sui: brick manufacture, 80 bricks; brick manufacture, 80 bricks; brick manufacture, 80 bricks; apportionment of clay; apportionment of clay.
- Shen Ch'eng, private, no. 34 <u>sui</u>: brick manufacture, 80 bricks; brick manufacture, 80 bricks; brick manufacture, 80 bricks; apportionment of clay; apportionment of clay.
- 3 Han Haun, private no. 14 sui: apportionment of clay; clay pounding; apportionment of clay; apportionment of clay; ...
- 4 ... apportionment of clay; apportionment of clay; ...
- 5 ...80 [bricks]; apportionment of clay; apportionment of clay; apportionment of clay; ...
- 6 ... apportionment of clay; apportionment of clay.
- 7 ... apportionment of clay; apportionment of clay.
- 8 Ssu-ma Chung, private, no. 23 <u>sui</u>: brick manufacture, 80 bricks; brick manufacture, 80 bricks; brick manufacture, 80 bricks; apportionment of clay; apportionment of clay; ...
- 9 ...private,...<u>sui</u>:apportionment of clay;apportionment of clay;apportionment of clay;apportionment of clay; apportionment of clay;apportionment of clay;apportionment of clay;apportionment of clay;apportionment of clay.

10 Kao Teng, private, no. 5 sui: brick manufacture ...; brick manufacture, 80 bricks; brick manufacture, 80 bricks; apportionment of clay; apportionment of clay.

Notes

In nos.1,2,8 and 10, some of the entries are either omitted or repeated in the transcriptions of SW, Chia or LK; such errors are not listed below.

- 1長 SW 良
- 2世 LK 廿
- 3椎±sw,LK 除土
- 5八十sw 口
- 9 卒 LK 口
 - 口口sw,LK 口當

第十隊卒史譚 ·案墼 案擊 案墼 ·案數

,柔點

治簿病

案製

Z

罗系

除土

案整

治鄉 除土

案整连

MD 15 Translation

- 1 Shih T'an, private, no. 10 sui: brick storage; brick storage; brick storage; brick storage; ...
- 2 ...brick storage; ...
- 3 ...brick storage; brick storage; brick storage; stationery making; sick; brick storage; stationery making; apportionemt of clay; brick storage; plaster work; plaster work; [stacking ?] apportionment of clay; ...

Notes

- 2 0 sw, LK 0 #
- 3 逢 (first occurrence) SW 入土

MD 16 (Plate 7)

Introduction

Whereas in other records (MD 14 and MD 15) each strip shows the work on which one man was engaged for a period of several days, in the document represented here each strip shows the various dutied to which several members of a squad were assigned during a single, specified day. The numbers of the men involved (from ten or less to twenty nine) together with the nature of the work suggest that these squads were organised at the level of hou or hou-kuan. In some cases (nos. 3, 5 and 8) a distinction was drawn between members of the squad who were engaged on non-productive tasks, or who were absent from duty, and those who were assigned to working tasks.

A number of the terms that are used are difficult to interpret. In In a passage of the Han-shu, which describes the arrival,

incognito, of a newly appointed Grand Administrator in his commandery, the term 子本 denotes the watchman or doorkeeper of the Administrator's official residence.

It is clear from nos. 2 and 9 that a distinction must be made between the duties of 子本 and 子名 (or 胃) and that two establishments were involved. The identification of the buildings remains problematical. 園 , which is rendered "garden" may refer either to vegetable plots or orchards.

There is secondary, intrusive writing on nos. 3 and 6 (omitted in the transcription). No. 9 consists of three fragments, and the order in which they are presented (2) here may be subject to doubt; the reverse side has been used for scribbling. Practice at writing the terms of the sexagenary cycle is seen on the reverse side of no.1, and addresses? are seen on the reverse sides of nos. 3 and 6.

1.	4.14A	377	***	237	
2	267.17	271	1405	233	
3	30.19A	241		232	
4	267.22	268	1406	233	
5	133.21	205	-	230	In SW as 131.21
6	142.25A	238		232	
7	188.10	310		235	

8	132.40	132		229
9	139.39A	207		230
10	46.18	345	338	236-7
11	317.31	326		236
12	264.4	176	day der and	229-30

Notes:

- (1) HS LXIVA, 12b
- (2) A different arrangement is seen in the photograph of the reverse side (TP 208), but on TP 207 the three fragments are shown separated. Lao Kan (LK pp.79-80) supports the order that has been adopted here.

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Records of work are also represented in the following fragments, some of which are of similar form to MD 16: 53.6 (from UD); 143.3, 217.24; 220.4 (from MD); 505.24 (from TD); and 269.4; 395.9 (unidentified sites); Ch. 95-112; 196; 279-288; 555; 673.

四月己卯郭卒十人

八月甲辰卒七九人

八月丁丑都卒十人

一人吏養一人女工

定作世五人在解除四人三人卒養

卯郭本十人

一人事園一人使 人吏美良

一人 為工一人 更養 六人種芝 十率人一百九十

2

七月丁已卒出四人

二人口の大人の一人人有意を大人を表して

右解除上人

,定作十八人,代节二五口

率人代世

其口五千五百世東

二人病

一人山園一人前里

人名斯特

(人吏養

6

5

8

右解除四人二人新人人教養

直车三人

一人写了一人写了一人写

四期事

丁西卒六人

四人传奉百世東一人一人中国一人一人中国一人一人中国一人一人

一人病

廿六休不作

一人美良一人作長

12

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MD 16 Translation

- On chi mao, fourth month; ten men of the defence force:

 of these, one man ...; one man was engaged in cutting;

 one man [assisted?] ...; one man prepared officers'

 meals; ...
- of these, one man guarded [garrison buildings?]; one man guarded [garrison buildings?]; one man worked at accounts; two men groomes horses; one man prepared officers' meals; one man was sent on a mission; one man guarded the garden; one man assisted.
- one man acted as OC; three men prepared mens' meals; four men were released from work as above; twenty five men were detailed for working tasks; two men worked on mountain timber; six men stacked fodder; fourteen men transported fodder, at [290 each, totalling 4060 ?]; two men worked at [weapon repair and maintenance ?]; ...
- 4 On ...mao,...ten men of the defence force: ...; one man guarded the garden; one man assisted in the garden; one man worked at accounts; one man collected ...; one man prepared officers' meals; two men groomed horses; one man was engaged in cutting.
- 5 On ting ssu, eleventh month; twenty four men: of these, one man acted as OC; three men prepared meals; one man was sick;

two men ...; seven men were released from work as above; seventeen men were detailed for working tasks, cutting reeds,5 ...; each man cut 30 ...; ...5520 bundles.

- 6 ...one man was engaged in cutting; one man guarded the garden; one man ...; one man made archery targets; one man prepared mens' meals; two men were sick; ...
- 7 ...six men were sick; one man prepared officers meals; ...
- 8 ... of these, one man acted as OC; two men prepared meals; one man was sick; four men were released from work as above; ...
- 9 ...and three men on detachment:of these, one man guarded [garrison quarters ?]; one man guarded [garrison buildings ?]; one man groomed horses; one man ...
- 10 ... of these, one man acted as OC; one man guarded the garden; one man ...; one man worked on timber; three men prepared meals; one man was sick. Twenty six rested and did not work.
- 11 On ting yu, six men: of these, one man prepared meals; one man was sick; four men cut 120 bundles of reeds.
- 12 ... one man acted as OC; one man prepared meals; ...

Notes

2事卒 LK omits 狗 湛 This recurs in no.4, but the meaning is untraced. The

term could possibly be the name of a plant. 園 LK 園

3 右解除SW,IK 口口口 十四人運LK 十四軍 六十率 SW,IK 廿卒

綴絡具 LK線絡其 see Fujieda (1) p.321.

SW, LK OO J HEvidently one man's task was entered.

Tasks are described for eight of the ten men only, and it is clear that a piece has been split away from the right side of the strip.

5 三人養 LK 一人養 二人口 SW 二人精業 LK 二人精 X人SW, LK 十人

定作十七人伐蕃五日 5W月作十人收蕃五百口 IK 口十作义人收蕃五百口

率人即等人工以口人

其 SW,LK 與 東 SW 苛

6 宇 sw, lk 申 卒養 sw, lk 作口 二人病 sw, lk 二人市

8 作長 SW,IK 伍百

降 SW,LK 隊

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At least four men were assigned tasks here, but only three detached soldiers are shown in the heading. Presumably the strip concerned a mixed party of detached men and other troops.

三人sw二人

☐ sw,lk [4]

The readings for the entries of the lower band are as given in SW and LK. No translation is suggested, as the text is very doubtful.

10 一人作長SW, Chia, LK 一 豫長 園 SW, Chia衛 LK 衙 一人口口LK 一人口馬 廿六 SW 廿人 Chia 廿人日

11 葉 SW,IK 葉

MD 17 (Plate 8)

Introduction

In addition to their responsibilities for maintaining a watch for enemy movements by day, the sui stationed along the Han defence lines were obliged to patrol and inspect specially prepared sandbanks (t'ien t'ien 天 were designed to reveal the presence of nocturnal intruders. These duties were performed by both private soldiers and officers, and they sometimes feature in the estimates of the degree of merit to which an officer was entitled. the strips assembled here it seems that each sui was responsible for inspecting its appointed sector, and that normally, or ideally, the duty was shared by three soldiers. for periods of ten or nine consecutive days each. However, xxx if the full complement of men was not present in the sui, one man could be detailed for the duty for a half, or even a complete month; in one instance several men were employed on this task at the same time. The records that were made of the performance of these duties include the names of the men and the dates of their turns at #this duty, together with a routine statement to the effect that no intruders were observed. Exceptionally, if a man was taken away from his turn of duty before the expiry of the full period, the reason is noted on the record, as are the reasons why less than three men were available to do this work.

The records represented here could have been maintained either chronologically, with the performances of all sui appearing together for a given month, or according to the units involved, i.e. with a separate ledger for each sui over a comparatively longer period of time. There is no means of determining which type of document has survived in these fragments. A caption (139.5) to a similar record which reads: 不侵事黃龍元年六月史本近 第 "Record of daily patrols performed by officers and men of the Pu ch'in section, for the sixth month of the first year of Huang lung [49 B.C.] "suggests that in that instance the reports for a number of sui were assembled together

The periods specified for the patrols can be fitted to the following years (all B.C.) in the reconstructured calendar:

for the month in question.

No.	year	month		year	month
1	48	9	or	17	9
2	46	4	or	36	8
3	46	6	or	36	10
4	43	11	or	32	3
5	41	9			
6	38	10			
7	3 5	2			
8	35	9			

Thus the strips can probably be dated within the span of 48-35 B.C. It is not surprising that several hands can be discerned, but there is a remarkably high degree of uniformity in the style and layout of the reports.

The work of searching for footprints ion of sandbanks, i.e. patrolling, is described as in the character is used in this sense in HS XXXVII, la and LXXI.9b).

The performance of these duties by individual officers is recorded in terms very similar to those used in the fragments of MD 17, but sometimes a detailed specification of the sector is given (e.g. 6.7;206.2). Small fragments, which probably refer to patrols performed by either officers or men, are seen in 103.37;455.3; and 455.20; and 219.15 provides a list of consecutive dates, for some of which this duty is recorded. References to the preparation of the sandbanks and their inspection are seen in Ch.88-94,97, 289,290; the onerous nature of these duties can be inferred from Ch 495.

Clerical errors are seen in no.2, where the final term that is mentioned should read 美丑 and not 美未; and in no.4 生已 has been written in place of 美已 (生已 does not figure in the sexagenary cycle). In no.6 the total number of days is given as 9 instead of 29.

1	285.1	371	1537	213	In	sw	ឧន	282.1
2	18.8	530		222				
3	257.3	247		203	In	SW	ឧន	257.5
4.	507.15	116	with their sense	484				
5	132.29	149		484				
6	257.19	247	(22)	203				
7	214.118	448	শ্ৰেমৰ বিশীয় জনক	218-9				
8	145.33	187	tony kuly mak	230	In	SW	ឧន	115.53
9	56.3	442	BANK GLIN VAIN	238-9				

Notes:

- (1) This term was wrongly believed to refer to agricultural activities by Chavannes and Wang Kuo-wei (see Chavannes (2) p.xiv and s.v.no.88; and Wang (1) Shih II,24a). The correct interpretation is given in Maspero p.7, where it is attributed to Haneda Akira 77 H H; see also Fujieda (1) pp.258 and 306-7. Part of an instruction regarding the tien tien is seen in Ch 265, and reports on the infringement of these areas are seen in 10.22 and 13.4.
- (2) See UD 1 and X 2.

卒暫後外人九月甲午遊靈庚申積艾日省移北 卒口尚中島當時喜时樂九月甲午遊盡受亥 積世日

率部口乙西班盡甲午精十日

至董里里己未逃里三甲長精十日 本郭賜乙已班聖亞受未積九日

卒口口甲申·在墨遊葵已積十日 卒口 甲午近書遊葵卯精十日

口述盡丁丑十四日 班盡生已精十六日

月四

口光九月癸未盡丁酉精十五日赤 李安九月戊戌書四七子精十五日流 口賜九月旦省治口

月逝世九日毋人馬蘭越軍天田出入班

车韓憲金甲長班盡五子積九日 月本共日罗馬蘭越塞天田出入述

开精好日母人

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十月两子卒王相述盡乙百十日 十月两寅至董益斌盡己多十日

本野安世二月丁西选書監庚戌精二日 卒呂弘月在午班盡两申積十五日 卒橋建省治萬歲捣

九月庚戌卒董輔省作世一隊 ...月己西卒吾丘受班黑五丁丑精七九日 …月寒亥卒發安女首作出隊

甲辰卒慶取口盡口 甲寅卒废高班至五口

月越精出九日男人馬越塞天田出入班···

月班精艺九日尹人馬

8

6

十月而成卒王健逃盡甲千九日

月九日 选明越塞出入选

MD 17 Translation

- I Tzu-t'un sui:patrol carried out by private Lu Hou Wai

 Jen, from chia wu to keng shen inclusive, ninth month,

 for a total period of twenty seven days; transferred to

 T'ien pei;patrol carried out by privates * Ch'ang,

 Lu Tang Shih and Shou Lo, from chia wu to kuei hai inclusive,

 ninth month, for a total period of thirty days. ...
- 2 ...:patrol carried out by private Kuo *,from i yu to chia wu inclusive, for a total period of ten days; patrol carried out by private Tung Sheng, from i wei to chia ch'en inclusive, for a total period of ten days; patrol carried out by private Kuo Tz'u, from i ssu to kuei wei [sic] inclusive, for a total period of nine days. In all twenty nine days' patrol; no traces of illegal passage of the defences or sandbanks by men or horses.
- No.3 <u>sui:</u>[patrol carried out by private ... from <u>chia shen</u>] to <u>keei ssu</u> inclusive, for a total period of ten days; patrol carried out by private ... [from <u>chia wu</u>] to <u>kuei mao</u> inclusive, for a total period of ten days; patrol carried out by private Han Hsien Chin from <u>chia ch'en</u> to <u>jen tzu</u> inclusive, for a total period of nine days. In all twenty nine days' patrol; no traces of illegal passage of the defences or sandbanks by men or horses.
- 4 ... patrol carried out ... to ting ch'ou inclusive, for fourteen days; patrol carried out ... to jen ssu [sic]

- inclusive, for a total period of sixteen days. In all ...
- 5 ... patrol carried out by * Kuang from <u>kuei wei</u> to <u>ting yu</u> inclusive, ninth month, for a total period of fifteen days; patrol carried out by Li An from <u>wu had</u> to <u>jen tzu</u> inclusive, ninth month, for a total period of fifteen days. * Tz'u was transferred to work at ... on the first day of the ninth month. In all a total of thirty days' patrol; no ... entry ...
- o... patrol carried out by private Tung I from ping yin to i [hai] inclusive, tenth month, for a period of ten days; patrol carried out by private Wang Hsiang from ping tzu to i yu inclusive, tenth month, for a period of ten days; patrol carried out by private Wang Chien from ping hsü to [shen wu inclusive for a period of] nine days. In all nine [sic] days' patrol; no traces of illegal passage of the defences.
- No.3 suipatrol carried out by private Lü Hung from jen wu to ping shen inclusive, second month, for a total period of fifteen days; patrol carried out by private Chih An Shih, from ting yu to keng hsü inclusive, second month, for a total period of fourteen days; private Ch'iao Chien was transferred to work on the tower of Wan—sui. In all a total of twenty nine days' patrol; no traces of passage of the defences or sandbanks by men or horses.
- 8 ... patrol carried out by private Wu Ch'iu Shou from

whi yu to ting ch'ou inclusive, ninth month, for a total period of twenty nine days; private Tung Fu was transferred to work in no.21 sui on keng hst, ninth month; private Sun An Nü was transferred to work in no. 21 sui on kuei hai, ninth month. In all a total of twenty nine days' patrol; no ...men or horses.

9 ... [patrol carried out by private Ch'ing Ch'ü from chia ch'en ... inclusive; patrol carried out by private Ch'ing Kao from chia yin to ...inclusive] ...

Notes

1 口 sw 慧 Chia 慧 LK 蒲

For the meaning of A as "transfer" both here and pr. 402-3 in nos. 5 and 8, see MD 13 Introduction and 254.18.

2 U sw新版新

癸未 sic

#人 SW LK 其人

出 LK omits

3 甲申 SW LK 甲辰 BW LK 張葉

4 年已sic. SW 癸巳LK 癸口 A SW omits LK日

5 口光sw離光LK 儲光 直治口sw LK 者 詣文 丗日毋人sw LK 廿日口口 6 两寅 SW LK 戊寅 乙亥十日 SW 十月十日LK 人百人口 两子 SW LK 戊子 乙酉十日 SW 十月十日LK 人百人日 两戌 SW LK 戊戌 甲午九日 SW 十月十日LK 口口人日 九日 SW LK 五日 8 ...月 (twice) SW LK 九月 輔者 LK 輔着 安 SW 世 LK 毋

The readings given are as in SW and LK, with the exception of the dates. These are given there as 大反 and 甲辰, but it is unlikely that these are correct as they cannot fall within the same month in that order.

MD 18 (Plate 5)

Introduction

Fragment no. 1 is a preliminary strip or caption for a register of weapons held by guardsmen, for the year 54 B.C. The association of this piece with the other three fragments depends partly on the identity of the handwriting, and this conclusion is supported by the presence of a further piece from group 82 (no.2).49.12 was probably also written by the same scribe, but as the form of that piece is slightly different (the order d'aristocratic rank and age are recorded, but there is no certain reference to weapons) it has not been included here. It is possible that the headings and entries of nos. 3 and 4 were made by different hands. Other fragments that may derive from similar documents are seen in 7.24:562.16: Ch. 73-74; Ch. 682; Huang 52. See also Ch. 39-41 for a precise description of specified weapons.

1	82.39	332	483	497
2	82.10	332	ecuts states where	395
3	159.1	257	with Mills dept	390
4	42.22	340	314	396

Note:

(1) For the preparation of documents by several writers see TD 3.

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戏车魏郡元城和里吕楊

四回口

戏卒東郡聯城宋里恭樂

戏率陳留郡平丘陰里徒口中

考幅一完 舒順一口

亭朱口口

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MD 18 Translation

- 1 Chia ch'ü [hou kuan], Wan sui hou, OC Chiu Pu; register of weapons held by guardsmen, for the seventh month, fourth year of Wu feng [54 B.C.]
- 2 Lü Yang, guardsman, of Ho <u>li</u>, Yüan ch'eng [<u>hsien</u>], Wei <u>chün</u>:
 ...four ...
- 3 T'u * chung, guardsman, of Yin <u>li</u>, P'ing ch'iu [<u>hsien</u>], Ch'en liu <u>chün</u>: ... one bow-[case?] ...
- 4 Kung Lo, guardsman, of Sung <u>li</u>, Liao ch'eng [<u>hsien</u>], Tung <u>chtin</u>: one bow, strength six <u>shih</u>, assembled; one bow-[case?];
 ...[kao type arrows?]...

Notes

1 人 SW, Chia, LK 十 林 SW, Chia 被 LK 紅

2 年 SW, LK 判 吕 LK 召

III Probably the beginning of an entry for a bow of I 7.

口以弦

3 口 SW奉政將

中歌、此忠、

师 For the meaning of this term see Wang (1), Shih II, 37b; and K'ao p.49.

一口sw,IK 十弊

4 恭 球菱

享矢口口 sic LK; SW, Chia omit. For the types of arrows used see Wang (1), Shih II, 38b; and K'ao p. 49.

MD 19 (Plate 29)

Introduction

Various types of strip provide information regarding the equipment used by Han troops, e.g. registers of standard sets of equipment for issue or use, reports on the state of weapons issued to individual soldiers or collectively to a unit, labels made to identify particular weapons or other articles . In addition it may be possible to derive a comprehensive idea of the standard fittings of one of the Han watch towers from the strips of MD 19, which consists of reports regarding the state of the sites occupied by particular sui. In all probability these strips were made out as a result of an inspection of the lines. The hand and form of the reports are uniform, and the strips are headed by the designation of the unit and the name of the commanding officer; this information is followed by individual entries regarding the condition of the sui's defences and weapons. Usually the entries are arranged in bands that are placed below the two binding strings, and intermediate bands are inserted if further space is required (e.g. nos.1,5,6,8 etc.) . A descriptive label, which may have been made out to identify a set of reports of this type, is seen in Ch. 307, which reads (reverse side): 兵兒折傷:

Unfortunately the entries in these strips have been written in very small handwriting, and the terms that

are used are by no means always clear. There is thus considerable difficulty in providing a complete interpretation, and in many cases only tentative conclusions can be reached. Although there are no literary descriptions of the fortifications used in Han times, accounts of the round watch towers which were built for the T'ang armies appear, in slightly different versions, in the T'ung-tien 到其 and Wu-ching-tsung-yao 武經 與東 , and there are significant parallels between those descriptions and the entries for individual items that are seen in MD 19.

One of the principle difficulties involved in MD 19 lies in the meaning of the two terms 土島 and 土俟 which cannot always be distinguished with certainty in the strips. Both terms are probably seen in no. 15, where two entries were made to report the existence of the same type of deficiency, in one case on the 上 on the 上供.Possibly both terms appear, again in similar contexts, in no.12, and also in 89.21 (for text of this [see note to no.5 below); in UD 7 there are several reports of the observation of signals from the土島 and one from the 块. Fujieda (1) p.254 writes that in Han times the watch tower was termed te or te 樓, and uses the term 均 to denote the wall ; Lao Kan also takes te as wall. In the translations given below for the strips of UD 7 the reverse interpretation has been adopted, on the grounds that the signals would be more likely to emanate from the

signal-towers than the wall. A further complication is seen in at least one case (428.6) where signals are reported from on top of the 韭 . Fujiede supports his view of by reference to MD 19 nos.10 and 15; however, the readings are by no means clear in no.10; and in no.15 either solution could apply. In 175.19, where the dimesns ons of various parts of the fortifications are given, there are several terms which are not understood; 上 could refer either to the wall or the tower, but again the reading is not certain; probably the text is referring to the wall rather than the tower, as the height is given as 14.5 feet (Han), and (11)the watch towers were, at least sometimes, of greater height. In 6.8 an officer reports his recovery from an accident due to a fall from the te; either part of the fortification could be implied, but the tower may be more likely in view of its extra height. It is possible that an exact distinction must not always be drawn between the two terms, or that usage varied during the period of the Han defences. Fujieda writes that both characters, together with used to denote fortification (toride) or watch tower. In these circumstances the renderings tower (for i) and wall (for t矣) have been adopted below to maintain uniformity with the translations of UD 7; the interpretations must remain open to question.

The layout of the Han fortifications has been studied elsewhere, largely on the basis of the archaeological evidence. From the strips of MD 19, and others, it is known that the sites were fitted with doors which could be secured by means of bars and [bolts?]; a supply of water was kept in jars, and may have been conveyed by pipes. The units were equipped with supplies for mending and maintaining their weapons (e.g. glue and grease): with tools such as axes and saws; with cooking vessels; dried dung, for use as fuel or plastering; and, possibly, with materials for writing. Dogs were kept , probably to assist in patrolling: when they were not thus engaged they were kept in their kennels. The defensive equipment may have included bows which were fixed on revolvable mountings; there were sights for use in shooting, which were attached to the towers and the wall; the bows themselves may have been kept in a protective casing. A supply of the two standard types of arrow was kept, possibly in large quivers fixed to the buildings; units may have had butts for shooting, and there is one reference to a map. Faults in iron armour and helmets also feature in some of the reports. For signalling, coloured pennants and flags were hoisted by means of rope, of which a specified length was kept on the site. Sometimes the flags had been in use too long and were spoilt; the dye may have worn out, so that the fabric was bleached white. For signalling in

case of emergency, the units used small or large woodpiles; possibly a total of eight were kept in readiness. These piles were stacked in a prescribed fashion, the layers being placed in alternate directions at right-angles to each other. At the apex the structure had to be vertical.

Possibly the piles were treated with a coating of plaster to protect them from the elements. Flares, for signalling (16) by smoke or flame, were also kept at the posts; as a store of thirty seven flares is mentioned in one instance, it is possible that the standard equipment amounted to fifty or more. The flares may have been made with a device to direct (17) the smoke in the direction required. From another strip it appears that the standard equipment of the sui may also have included hammers, spare arrow heads and a medicine chest.

Reports of a similar nature to those of MD 19 may be seen in 47.4;47.5;82.15,52.17;89.21 and Ch.433. 68.61 and 68.112 may possibly belong to the same series of documents as MD 19.Part of an adverse report on a unit, framed in an entirely different form, may be seen in 127.24 (possibly also in Ch437).

Intrusive writing is seen on nos.13 and 15.

In view of the difficulty of reading some of the strips the transcriptions and translations given below must be regarded as doubtful; the usual signs of reservation or modification have not been included. In a number of cases the

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transcriptions are given on trust, from SW Chia or LK, and it has not been possible to suggest a translation.

1	82.1	315	475	209					
8	214.108	449	gang gillio grip.	219					
3	3.26	527	12	409					
4	3.7	528		409					
5	214.47	451		880					
6	214.49	450	2431	220					
7	127.22	127		378-9					
8	285.18	370	1541	213					
9	214.8	359	1169	213					
10	214.5	4 50		219-220					
11	258.16	237	1352	808					
12	264.32	175	1383	191					
13	311.31A	4 45		218					
14	44.82	4 48	***	218					
15	142.30	237	797	808					
16	68.63	186	enter deste	195					
17	68.65	186	draw spilat MINO-	195-6					
18	68.95	182		193					
19	68.105	182	plin sino erro-	193					
20	68.109	182	the statement	194					
81	68.41	182	State State State	194					
22	578.1	428	whole 4000 terms	216	Not	shown	on	Plate	29

Notes:

- (1) E.g. 506.1; Ch. 257; see also MD 18.
- (2) E.g. 283.12; Ch. 184; 274; and, possibly, Hueng 52.
- (3) E.g. the strips shown on Plate 50; Ch. 588, 676, 705; M 44.
- (4) Fujieda (1) p.265 raises the possibility that the strips may be the reports of loss or damage. As remediable faults are included in the entries, as well as material damage, it is more likely that the strips derive from an inspector's report than from the voluntary statement of the commander of the <u>sui</u> (see also the entries in no.3 which remark the existence and subsequent correction of a deficiency).
- (5) This detail is not included in no. 15.
- (6) A slightly fifferent layout is seen in no.15.
- on the obverse side. Part of a caption of one of these reports, detect in the Chin period, may be seen in Ch. 758.
- (8) T'ung-tien CLII (Commercial press edition pp.801 b,c)
 and Wu-ching-tsung-yao ch'ien chi 前 集 V,23b (Mng,
 Cheng-te 1506-152l edition). The text from the T'ungtien, together with a translation, is given in Fujieda
 (1) pp.252-3 (for corrections, and diagram, see Fujieda
 (4) pp.152f.) An illustration of a somewhat flifferent
 structure from those envisaged here is seen in Wu-chingtsung-yao XIII,25a.

- (9) Fujieda (1) p.256, diagram 7. Cf. also HHS XXII (biog. xii) 7b 皆築保壁起烽水和里一候 where 候 may refer either to military units or to the sites they occupied.
- (10) K'ao pp.42f.
- (11) Examples of higher watch towers were seen by Stein at T.ii, T.vib, T.vid, T.xii etc.; see Serindia II pp. 640, 644, 654, 680.
- (12) Fujieda (1) p.257
- (13) E.g. K'ao pp.42f.; Fujieda (1) pp.253f.
- (14) For the use of dogs see K'ao p.51
- (15) It is not known how many arrows were kept at a site; the highest figures mentioned are 90 (kao type) and 30 (meng type). An issue of 150 arrows per man is mentioned in Ch.71
- (16) See Maspero p.3 for the distinction between 火丸 (smoke signals, used by day) and 岂 (flaming torches used by night).
- (17) 506.1
- (18) In addition there is a short inscription on the reverse side of no.13 (unrelated to the obverse side)

第上隊長事幸之利

前編不事用智一张急

劍削幣

口絕世界事用

极直不調利

口义剪一不事用

表二不事用

小樓新一上们頃们傷書不鮮明

卒張田馬矢不在署山

六石智一組織今已更組鐵道一中冊架今已提

第十五隊三長李殿

七年矢三十干咋叫未能會二五石智一大张三分与己古丁五石智一大张三分与己古丁

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第十六隊長口宣

鐵型口口口

口口口口一統三口 口口口半寸已口

中何表了事用布刃汝 毋脂 斤升决

第大隊長單威

遊久用口四

狗少 轉傷皆毋花

小精兴新工上们妈

卒七一人艾

新一子事用杆阵一叶听 轉嫁毋根 口矢口不要

第蓝隊長等于福

蓬一不任事 小精新一個頃

6

5

4

喜来失十二口未能 會日

喜来矢九十 好四未能 雷四日

口口口口干许叫未能會日

第共隊,長魏利中

第九隊長王出

日轉榜当世根

銀一不事用 弦角上口破

世樓才垂逢堪,洞皆毋角昌

10

母間科 拳一子任事

銀不生事 父子不任事 釜一不任事

第記隊長李宮

候樓不堪大精艺新二上们頃小精芝新一上们頃 轉榜皆典根 口六石具好了口

脂少一杯 小精禁工上四 大街节新二上口

狗龍皆破四陽口四路 口傷書自口口 口口皆破

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蓬久用口口呼轉標皆 男 根 長野口黑不解除

望廣隊長交光

沒相少一路水與少二口 大精節一未更精 毋幸取契艾席 小精节新二未更 沙少三石 見一石又多

狗之見不人難母敢馬牛矢內世屋母候前東 塢上大表一古悪 母拿少苣火十 **埃上不縣除不馬矢差**

絕索二所統 蓬布索皆小 口里不口

四十二小

四黑不順

產站白 狗爺一破 000000

察微隊、堪上深目之四

口射搏

轉傷皆冊尼四不事用四不事用

地表于頃

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16

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口母口口母口水事一事用深目三年事用

17

口口不事

口絕少十丈口上极子等

四一不人口少一 智長降二子口不事用

坞上深目之事用首一幣一鍋不利

19 18

口子致署

口口受组期产力的

轉榜典根如日不口明

健南口口口

中表 禁地表 幣

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MD 19 Translation

- one ... missing ...; one wind screen missing; one sight unusable; ... not adjusted; defensive weapons not mobile; one bow string tight; forward fence unusable; sword sheath spoilt; one brazier unusable; one sight on the tower not usable, six missing; case for the map missing; large and small woodpiles poor and dilapidated; thirty seven spares missing; ... of door bar unusable; two flags unusable.
- 2 Had Taung, OC no. 8 sui. Casullaty record not clear; upper
 ... crocked in one small woodpile; dung, in keeping of
 private Chang T'ien, not ...
- The Yen, OC no. 15 sui. No lining in iron helmets, fitted in meantime; no lining in two sets of iron armour, fitted in meantime; cord of six shih strength bow loose, changed in meantime; ... five shih strength bow ...; shafts split in twelve kao type arrows, impossible to fit ...; sharts split in thirty meng type arrows, impossible to fit ...
- 4 ... \$\nabla_00 no.16 \frac{\sui}{\sui} ... \text{ in two sets of iron armour ...};
 ... \text{ iron ...}; ...; \text{ shafts split in ninety kao}

 type arrows, \text{impossible to fit ...}; \text{ ...} \text{ in twelve kao}

 type arrows, \text{impossible to fit ...}; \text{ shafts split ...},
 \text{ impossible to fit ...}; \text{ ...}
- 5 Ch'an Wei, OC no. 18 <u>sui</u>. ... edge cut; ... edge cut; two ... flags not distinct; m bow case missing; pennants long in use, with ... split; handles missing in the

- revolving turrets; one dog absent; upper ... crooked in one small woodpile.
- 6 Ch'un-yü Fu, OC no. 24 <u>sui</u>. Handle missing in the revolving threet; ...; one hook unusable; one pennant unserviceable; ... crooked in two small woodpiles; fodder ... eleven privates ...;
- Wei Li- hung, OC no. 26 <u>sui</u>. One pennant unserviceable;
 ... bar broken; no grease; upper ... in two large woodpiles; upper ... in one small woodpile; ... all damaged;
 ...; all dog kennels broken.
- 8 Li Kung, OC no. 27 sui. Saw unserviceable; one axe unserviceable; one cooking pot unserviceable; grease short by one cup; handles missing in the revolving turrets; ... six shih assembled bow ...; ... casulaty record ...
- 9 Wang Yü, OC no. 29 <u>sui</u>. Saw unserviceable; glue in short supply; handles missing in the revolving turrets; ...; upper ... crooked in one small woodpile; upper ... crooked in two large woodpiles; stairway of wall not plastered.
- Sung Teng, OC no. 36 <u>sui</u>. Upper ... of bowstring horn broken; one pennant unusable; one saw unserviceable; handles missing in the revolving turrets; water pipe ... all missing; stairway of wall not plastered; one ... crooked.

- 11 Kao I, OC no. 38 <u>sui</u>. ... black, not cleared; bowstock ... black, not cleared; handles missing in the revolving turrets; pennants long in use, with ... split.
- Ch'ung Kuang, OC Wang-lu sui. Eight woodpiles without
 ... and not plastered; in two large woodpiles the
 stacking was not alternated; in two small woodpiles the
 stacking was not alternated; no matting for collection
 of fodder by troops; two water storage jars missing; one
 water pipe missing; sand short by one shih, on hand one
 shih and a large quantity of sand; two ... handles
 missing on the tower; one large flag on the tower old
 and damaged; wall unswept and unplastered; quiver for
 use of the hou missing; no dried horse or cattle dung
 ...; one dog absent, dog/dogs present not kept in kennel;
 hernands;
 no smoke or flame flares: seventy.
- 13 ...; one ... missing; ... twelve ... small ...; ropes twisted in two places; ...; fabric and ropes of pennants shrunk; one dog kennel damaged; ...; pennants all white.
- 14 ...; ... unusable; ...; handles misging in the revolving turrets; ... dog[s] absent; pennants all white; ground flag pole crooked; ...
- 15 Ch'a-wei <u>sui</u>. Eight sights missing on the wall; four sights missing on the tower; woodpiles defective, all without ...; no shooting butt; ... plastered.

- Wang Heng, OC Lin-Mu <u>sui</u>...handle missing,...missing;
 ... below door of outer wall; no ... for door of inner
 wall; one water pipe missing; pennants'... not ...; ...
- 17 ... no large stakes: two sights unusable; one brazier broken, unusable; ... no ...; ... unusable; ...
- 18 ...; ...; one flare spoilt, in one flare the smoke tube device was not angled; two sights on the tower unusable; two bowstocks not ..., one unusable; one ...not inserted, one missing; ...
- ten chang; ...; one dog absent; twenty broad stationery strips missing; rope connecting the ... loose; ...
- 20 ... bolt of the door bar dropped; tower door defective;
 ...; one ... missing; ground flag spoilt; ground flag
 discoloured and soiled; ...
- 21 ...quiver missing; ...; one ...missing; ...; forward ...; ... hou ...; ...
- 22 ...; handle missing in the revolving turret.

Notes

1 口 SW Chia 葉 LK 葉

口屏 SW Chia 服屏

字目 This expression is explained as a sighting device (see <u>K'ao</u> p.51; Fujieda (1) p.258)

多W Chia 水 ;for 全 as an abbreviation for 差 see no.7.

口口 SW Chia 按接 LK 口備

2 加 SW LK 侉

傷 SW LK 陽 cf.entry in no.8.

SW Chia LK /重 ; the same character probably recurs in nos.5,6 and 9, where it is variously read 便 or 任.

在署山not understood

3 十五 SW LK 五

石 LK 直

卢 联节

大 LK 左

The (twice) SW Chia in (also twice in no.4)

For kao and meng type arrows see K'ao pp.49f., and Ch.38, note.

The reduplicating marks (in two entries) are not noted in SW or Chia (cf.no.4, where the mark is noted in LK). The readings of the expressions and the meaning is not clear.

宝 以蚩

4 第十六 SW LK 口土 寸已口 SW inserts甲藜 after this 九十 LK 九 4 口岸 see note to no.3 會 see note to no.3 5 宇何…明 LK 河口口口明

夕用口口SW火固凹标 LK火固函口

轉權皆明根LK轉稿并.The reading for the entry that is tentatively adopted here recurs in nos. 6,8,9,10, 11,14 and 22 (with some variants suggested in SW, Chia and LK). 楠 , whose reading is by no means certain, is explained in the eleventh century 美篇 as being equivalent to 槽, meaning a turret (cf. HHS LXXXIX (biog.lxxix) 3b 上作樓梅 置於塞上以拒匈奴); 根 is explained variously as the handle of a silk reel or as a brake used to halt vehicles. The interpretation of these entries must be considered in association with the following passages in 89. 註: 其上轉其 一所深目中不辟除一所轉射空小不承長臂 and 埃上轉射一所深目中不辟除一所轉射 母 口

"Of the revolving shooting devices on the tower, in two places the centre of the sight was not cleared; in one place the [groove?] of the revolving shooting device was small and did not fit the bowstock" and "Of the revolving shooting devices

on the wall, in one place the centre of the sight was not cleared; in one place the ... of the revolving shooting device was missing." In this connection 轉身 (which occurs in Mo-tzu XIV, 18b) is taken by Lao Kan ($\underline{K'ao}$ p.51) and Fujieda (1) p. 258 to mean a frame or rest for the crossbow; is taken to mean a pulley used for hoisting signals (K'ao p. 35, Tujieda (1) p. 266), but this explanation is unlikely in view of the use of the expression 度 a elsewhere (MD 7 no.1). Take in from SW LK 使 ; see note to no. 2.

石

6 橋 SW Chia LK 営

矢 以夫

们 SW Chia LK 便; see note to no.2.

7 第廿六 SW LK 口下

AI IK AI

拿一子在事LK口子口事 For the use of 年 as an abbreviation for 火华 see no.1 and, possibly, no.12.

sw 玄

LK omits

二上 SW 世上 LK 女上午

一上 sw 十二 LK 十二斤

口口皆破孤 捻尚皆口

踏 LK 九鱼

皆破IK口口

Take in See Sommarström pp. 308-309 for fragments of a "revolving above: appliance." found at A 32.

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8 年 Chia 年 一
  釜一 SW Chia 壁一 LK 釜 SW Chia 上 K 著
  具名 Lao Kan (K'ao p.48) distinguishes between bows
          assembled ready for use (具弩) and spare
          bows, whose component parts were not fitted
          together (承驾).
         SW Chia 然起火 LK 繩口丈
 . 🛮
  口傷 SW Chia Lik 何傷
  口口 SW Chia LK 听中
9 框 Chia 挨·
  口 LK 口口口口颜,
   人口 (twice) SW Chia LK 住 ; see note to no.2
   樓 SW Chia LK 大療
   其 SW Chia LK 其
10 石皮 SW LK 口

角昌 not understood; LK reads 容 for 肩

ロロ SW LK 約 遊
  高。w富
   口城縣轉榜
   口 SW Chia 堵
   提 SW Chia 杆
   蓬久用口证產口
    口中 SW Chia LK 听中
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18 將梨 not understood; LK 将梨

未更 i.e. the layers were not placed in alternate directions; see Fujieda (1) pp. 258-9.

蓝 萋

嬰 LK 關 cf. 506.1 for the entry 储水製
(Fujieda reads 異 (1) 260)

坞 Chia埃 SW Chia 坪 LK 亨 SW Chia Li 榛

埃 SW Chia LK 塢

山ao Kan (K'ao p.50) distinguishes between quivers carried on the back () and lighter containers worn on a belt (月良)

馬牛矢 Fujieda (1) p.265 explains this as being used for fuel. Dung was also used for plastering the walls (see Ch.104-107, where 夫 should be read 矢)

毋屋 not understood

多 SW Chia 角 LK 第

上十 not understood. SW Chia and LK read 五十; for the form of K see TD 7 no.1 note.

13口黑石貫 以里石實

編 LK 口

经 联知

里 以生

葬布室 11 口口口

MD 19

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狗難 SW 明龍 LK 口襲 DDDDDD SW LK 车步傷出弩級級
                  (LK reads出。for毋 )
14 横 1.K 堵
 蓋解隨此口和随
 轉模以口口
口口提SWIK以數理上
毋 sw 毋一
篇 not understood; LK 口
17 大 SW 六
 深以口
 毋口 sw 毋椁
18 東 LK 其 一幣 SW 二幣
  和 SW LK 刮
 深目二郎矢目二版和十二。
  口 sw 韋 以事
  不证石
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LK 署 19 LK 最

I.e. 100 feet (Han)

This expression appears in 136.7, 183.2; 10.9 and 10.8, which can probably be identified as external labels describing the contents of boxes or other containers (Cf. Ch. 588, which is the lid of a medicine chest suitably inscribed) In these cases the contents included 200 strips of wood for stationery (木L), fifty 两件 100 feet of string used for binding the strips together. These materials are also mentioned in Ch 63.A which reads " ... 木L雨 竹 豫 五 十 紅 " ...strips and <u>liang hsing</u>, fifty to each sui, and twenty chang of string ... In commenting on the latter document, Wang Kuo-wei (Wang (1) Shih II,19a) took 木山雨 竹 together as meaning broad strips, for writing in two columns, but it is clear from the contexts of the strips from Chüyen that A and A 15 denoted different commodities. See K'ao p. 6

20 戊隋

SW 戈簿 LK 戊禄.For the reading 戊 cf. 506.1, Ch 433 and Ch 606, which refer to 方式 or 户關式 . The suggested meaning "bolt" for 式 cannot be directly substantiated; Wang (1) Shih 27a suggests that the word may be a loan for 土 which has that meaning, and Ch. 606 can possibly be identified as part of a box which contained two door bars and bolts. For the reading cf.MD 19 no.1; the same character is probably seen in Ch. 433 (Ch reads 美).

残· LK 口 土地 LK 产也 土地表 LK 豫長 22 加口不口明 SW 放塞不解明

UD 1 (Plate 9)

Introduction

UD 1 and UD 2 consist of fragments of reports on the performance of officials. UD 1 differs somewhat from other material found at Chuyen in that the officials who are concerned are described with the titles of civil rather then military posts; in addition the posts formed part of the establishment of the central government itself or of provincial organisations situated elsewhere than in the four north-western commanderies. The role of these officials in Changi is nowhere stated; Ch'en ((1) p. 33) cites two of the fregments to show that metropolitan and provincial officials were detached to serve at the frontier, and it seems that officials from widely separated parts of China were posted to vacancies in the civil government of the north-west. However, there is no clue er in these fragments regarding the positions which these men held. Although none of the pieces in UD 1 is of full length, it is likely that the report was made out with particulars for three officials on each strip. (1)

Reports on officials were made in the autumn, and forwarded by the senior ranking officers of a commandery to the central government. The name of the official was recorded, together with a statement of his degree of merit ($\underline{\operatorname{kung}}$ $\mathcal{L}h$) and his length of service ($\underline{\operatorname{lao}}$ $\mathcal{L}h$). As has been shown by $\underline{\operatorname{Oba}}$ (1), these were important

of assessing the degree of merit, which is done here by numbers, is unknown; length of service was calculated as time and a half in the north west. In addition, there were ways in which extra service time could be gained, e.g. by proficiency at annual tests in archery (see MD 6) or by the completion of specified number of days of patrol duty.

These conclusions are supported not only by fragments which provide for the institution itself, but alm by records of its practice. The text of ordinance no.4, for the borders, is seen in 10.28, and in a shorter or incomplete form in 198.7 and 562.19. This prescribes that two days should be counted as three, in respect of days spent in patrol duty by officers commanding hou and the civil officials of a hou, and in respect of time spent in service by officers subordinate to general officers. In view of this regulation, the need to record the performance of patrol duties is self-evident, and MD 17 consists of just such records, made however for men and not for officers. Individual examples of the calculation of service on a 3:2 basis are seen in 159.14 (dated 55 B.C.) and Ch. 592 (dated 20-21 A.D.). Oba (1) p. 216 shows that service time could be discounted, as a penalty for poor service.

No.4 mentions the <u>hsiang</u> of Hsin-tu [<u>kuo</u>]. A <u>kuo</u>, rather than a <u>chun</u>, of Hsin-tu existed between 37 and 23 B.C., and again for thirteen years from 5 B.C.. The

title Chang-hsin-shao-fu (see no.2) was adopted in the time of Ching ti, but changed in 4 A.D. The document can (3) thus be dated between 37 and 23 B.C. or between 5 B.C. and 4 A.D.

A title to a report of this type is seen in 258.11 which reads 口甲渠戶史代閱簿(As 258 group was found at MD,258.11 cannot be associated with the fragments collected here).

Nos.7 and 8 can be fitted together and are shown as one piece in Chie.

No.9 is shown in TP (and on Plate 9 here) as consisting of three fragments; in SW the upper portions only are transcribed, and these are numbered there 336.12 and 336.13. The third fragment, numbered 340.9 in TP, has probably been associated with the other two incorrectly, as it bears a formula which appears in strips of a different type of document (i.e., as in UD 5). For this reason, 340.9 is omitted in the transcription and translation of UD 1.

Τ.	77.10	94	30 T	483
z	41.22	79	305	484
3	131.1	91	774	Not found
4	. 53.7	79	379	484
5	53.8	26	370	483
6	100.24	40		483
7	335.49	25	1725	483
8	335.50	25	1725	571

9 336.13) 49 --- 483 TP adds 340.9; see above. 336.1z

Notes:

- (1) I.e., the season when the central government took stock of its resources. See Kamada pp.189f. Pos ibly the appraisal or tests of the individual were completed in the eighth month, and the report forwarded in the ninth month. See individual cases in MD 6; Han chiu i B,4a; Hulsewé (2) p.253.
- (2) Cited in <u>Remnants</u> p.47; Fujieda (1) p.338; Oba (1) pp 214-5; Ch'en (1) pp.41-2.
- (3) If LK reading is accepted in no.5, the terminus a quo can probably be advanced to 33.
- (4) See Fujieda (1) p.297: Oba (1) p.213.

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UD

土月五日 長信少府丞王等勞一夢九月十日 歲六月廿人日 西河北部都尉董水以分二费五月三

天水都尉李由第二家五月二日

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九日 信都相長史吳口巧必分三夢六日

張掖屬國司馬趙口切勞三萬十月廿六月 漁陽中口司馬宋自口

勞二歲八月廿日 信口

尉圣侯事弘二口

六月共日

都尉必何望功一勞二歲一月十日 北地北部口侯杜旦功一勞三歲

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UD 1 Translation

- of Hsi-ho[chun], north; length of service two years five months three ...
- ...eleven months five days. Wang She, assistant to the Chang-hsin-shao-fu; length of service one year nine months ten days. ...
- 3 ...days.Li Yu,tu_wei of [T'ien]-shui [chun]:length of service two years, five months two days.
- 4 ...nine days. Wu *, chang_shih of the hsiang of Hsin-tu [kuo]; degree of merit one; length of service three years six days ...
- Chao *, siu-ma, Changi protectorate: degree of merit one:

 length of service three years ten months twenty six

 days. Sung Hadan, acting ... ssu-ma, Ydyang [chun] ...
- 6 ...length of service two years eight months twenty days. ...Hsin ...
- 7 ... Hou Pa, assistant ... [tu] wei; degree of merit two:...
- 8 ...six months twenty eight days ...
- Ho Wang, assistant ... tu-wei; degree of merit one: length of service two years one month ten days. Tu Tan,... hou, Pei-ti [chün], north; degree of merit one: length of service three years ...

Notes

According to HS XXVIII Bl, 29b, the <u>tu-wei</u> of Hai-ho chun, north, was established in the <u>haien</u> of Taeng-shan 1 (This name is not given under Hai ho chun in HHS, tr XXIIIB, 6a et seq.)

- The <u>Chang-hain-shao-fu</u> was responsible for administering the residence of the Empress Dowager. See

 HS XIX A, 19b.

For the role of the hsiang相 in the kingdoms (kuo 國) see HS XIX A, 26e, b.

5 趙口 SW, Chia, LK 趙 築 エカー LK エカ 漁 SW, Chia 染 LK 湾 口司馬 SV, 市司LK, Chia 部司馬

宋宣口 SW, Chie 宋室口護 LK 宋宣到 護 dependency A protector to (shu kuo 蜀國) of Changi is mentioned for 78 B.C. (see HS XVII 27b and XCIV 28b). The unit is listed in HHS tr. XXIII A,40a.

6 信日SW, Lik omit
7 届 SW, Chia, Lik 所
工力 Lik 勞 Lalso Chen (4)
二日SW, Chia, Lik 二 蒙
9 北部口Lik 北利鄣SW omits.

UD 2 (Plate 9)

Introduction

More details are included in these reports on military officers than in the reports on the performance of civilian officials seen in UD 1, and the three strips assembled here may seem to be more in the nature of certificates of adequacy than appraisals of conduct. The length of service has presumably been calculated in accordance with the provision for local service in the north west (see UD 1 Introduction). In the three strips shown here this entry is preceded by the word chung 4 , and comparison with similar strips (see below) shows that this denotes the degree of merit (kung I_{7}). Whereas in UD 1 this quality is expressed by figures, here it is assersed by a series such as \bot + and \top . The inclusion of a note of the distance of the official from his home is associated by Obs ((1) p.314) with the sbility of the officer to return to his home for the statutory days of rest to which he was entitled; an alternative explanation is that the information was included in order to demonstrate that the official was not serving in his home district; and it is not impossible that conditions of service varied with the distances that were involved. The procedure of delivering reports of this sort to a superior office is possibly referred to in 95.3.

The strips used in these reports were longer than

the standard length of one foot. This feature, together with the professional nature of the handwriting, may suggest that the original document had been compiled in the interior of China and was sent to the north-west for the attention of the particular authorities where the individuals concerned in the report were serving. In this connection it is noteworthy that very similar and (iii) fragments have been found at MD (see (ii) below), and it is not impossible that sets of very similar records, concerning different persons, were prepared by the same official in the interior and sent to different localities on the frontier.

In a number of other fragments the formula and wording is very similar to that seen here, but for various reasons such pieces cannot be associated with UD 2:

- (i) From UD; 37.57. The lay-out varies (part of the inscription is written in two narrow columns), and the length is the normal one foot.
- (ii) From MD;49.9;57.6;89.42 and 136.2.0f these,57.6 and 89.42 are longer than the standard foot, and the writing is very similar to that of the strips of (4) UD 2.
- (iii) 38.21;40.8 and 58.2 (all from MD) are upper parts of strips which may have been similar to those shown here. They may have been written by the same hand.

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 179.4
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 3
 562.2
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Notes:

- (1)上 may possibly appear in 89.42 (usually read 五)
- (2) For a discussion of these strips see Fujieda (1) pp. 296f.; Oba (1) pp. 213f.; K'ao p. 17.
- (3) The strips measure 1.1 feet (Han). For the different lengths of strip see p. 110 /.
- (4) It is possible that 89.42 is an incorrect number, and that the strip should not necessarily be associated with MD. TP includes the complete series of 89.1 to 89.23, but apart from 89,42 other members of this group are not traced.89.42 is thus suspect as being an isolated number in an otherwise complete series.

武年世二歲長人尺五寸樂得成漢里家去官六百里

肩水僕官執胡隊長公大夫界路人中勞三歲一月能書會計治官民題知律戶文

年世七歲長人尺五寸民地宜蘇里家去官六百五十里

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紅僕長公乘落一長富中勞三歲六月五日能會計治官民類知律令武年世七歲 11

長人尺六寸

UD 2 Translation

- Chien-shui hou-kuan: [degree of merit] medium: length of service two years eight months fourteen days: capable of writing, keeping accounts, administration both within the [hou]-kuan and over civilians; good knowledge of statutes, ordinances and military matters: age thirty two years; height seven feet five inches; native of Ch'enghan li, Li-te [hsien]; distance of nome from the [hou]-kuan 600 li.
- Lei Lu Jen, order of <u>kung ta fu</u>, OC Chih-hu <u>sui</u>, Chien-shui <u>hou-kuan</u>[degree of merit] medium; length of service three years one month; capable of writing, keeping accounts, administration both within the [hou]-kuan and ober civilians; good knowledge of statutes, ordinances and mixikary civil matters; age forty seven years; height seven feet five inches; native of I-ytteh <u>li</u>, Ti-ch'ih [hsien]; distance of home from the [hou]-kuan 650 <u>li</u>.
 - Feng shih Ch'ang fu, order of <u>kung ch'eng</u>, OC ... <u>hou</u> ...; [degree of merit] medium; length of service three years six months and five days; capable of writing and keeping accounts, administration both within the [hou]-kuan and over civilians; good knowledge of statutes, ordinances and military matters; age fhirty seven years; height seven feet six inches; ...

Notes

UD 3 (Plate 30)

Introduction

In all probability these fragments are parts of a nominal roll, made out to record the issue of stores or equipment to individual servicemen (cf. MD 4.MD 18. TD 3). In general the handwriting of the strips is identical (possible exceptions are seen in nos.11 and 20), but several documents may be represented. It will be noted that, in addition to cases where no entry follows the names of the cavalrymen concerned (e.g. nos.1,6?,7,12?,24?,25),marks of various types are sometimes included, i.e.: (i) record an item (no.16); (ii) numbers (nos.14,15,22); (iii) check-marks? (nos. 2, 15, 22); (iv) vertical strokes, also possibly check-marks ? (nos. 11, 17-20); and (v) horizontal strokes (not shown in the transcriptions: see nos. 3?.4, 13, 23). These additions may be various ways of checking the acceptance of official material. Marks classified as (iii) to (v) are not represented in the translation.

The main organisation of the Han forces posted at the border areas comprised infantry units, which were established on static defence lines. The role of cavalry was presumably that of a mobile force which could be (1) called out in emergency; at other times cavalrymen were employed on non-military duties as needed in the administration of the service. Nothing emerges from the wooden material regarding the subordination or organisation of

cavalry units. However, there are several distinctive features which can be seen by comparing the strips which describe cavalrymen with those which record details of other servicemen. Whereas the age is usually given for guardsmen and fieldsmen (see MD 4.TD 3,X 2), this detail does not usually appear for cavalrymen. So far no cases have been seen in which cavalrymen are described with one of the orders of aristocratic rank (contrast the case of guardsmen and officers, e.g. MD 4). In addition, it can be shown that guardsmen and fieldsmen originated both from the interior of China and from the border areas; cavalrymen, however, came only from the border areas . Finally, in a number of instances cavalrymen are described in a distinctive way; their titles are prefixed by the name of a hsien, as if the hsien qualified the type of cavalryman. This feature is not seen in the cases of other types of serviceman.

These details may be of significance in regard to the method of recruiting cavalrymen. A well-known passage from the Han-chiu-i, whose meaning has been subject to (4) doubt, has sometimes been taken as referring to three branches, infantry, cavalry or marine, in which conscript soldiers served for one of their years of duty. According to Lao Kan (K8ao p.55), who seeks support from Wang Kuo-(5) wei , men were conscripted as cheng-tsu £ ‡ at the age of 23, and served usually as infantrymen; however, in

in the frontier areas they served as cavalrymen, and it is these men who feature in strips such as those of UD 3. Nishimura (pp. 170f.) believes that the cavalrymen were recruited from Chinese immigrants, who had made their way to the border areas from the time of Ch'ao and that they may have been specially Ts'o and later, selected after serving their time as conscripts . Fujieda ((1) pp.273-274) suggests that the cavalrymen may have been conscripted from non-Chinese inhabitants locally. While there is no proof of this suggestion, as Fujieda recognises, he is probably correct in his surmise that the cavalrymen were non-Chinese, but they may possibly have served as volunteers rather than conscripts. As is shown elsewhere (see UD 5. Introduction there may be reason to believe in the existence of an intermediate zone partially under Chinese protection and administration, situated on the perimeter of the Chinese commanderies. Cavalrymen could well derive from the non-Chinese inhabitants of such parts, who were not entirely subject to Chinese authority. If they were not obliged to serve as conscripts within a prescribed age-group, there would be no need to specify their age on the strips which recorded their particulars. Similarly, if the non-Chinese inhabitants were not subject to the requirements of Han officials, they would not benefit from the bounty of the

Han emperors, and would not automatically receive orders (8) of rank when these were bestowed. It would clearly be expedient to the Han commanders to recruit local inhabitants from the steppe as cavalrymen, as they would be likely to be more skilled horsemen than the Chinese conscripts. Possibly the use of the term shin ± is of (9) significance in regard to the status of these men. The suggestion that the cavalrymen mentioned on the strips were recruited as volunteers need not preclude the existence of other systems whereby conscripts served in this capacity elsewhere in China.

The qualification of cavalrymen by the name of a <u>hsien</u> need not imply that the men in question were registered inhabitants subject to officialdom. The name could well have been prefixed as a means of discriminating between various types of cavalrymen, and could conceivably refer to units in which they were organised. The qualification does not appear in all strips which describe cavalrymen; examples are seen as follows:

- (i) Small fragm(xe)ts, possibly to be associated with UD 3: 77.39:77.42;116.19;562.11;565.19.
- (ii) Other fragments found at UD, with different form or details: 15.4:15.24;51.3;387.21;560.3;560.13;564.6.
- (iii) From TD: 149.17,511.31;303.43;491.4;511.3;511.11; 516.28;517.9.

- (iv) From unidentified sites: 232.1;247.54;522.43.
- (v) From Tunhuang: Ch.416,417.

The inscription on the reverse of no.25 (560.25A) reads: 前週北初良用茭四百九十二束夜用二百五十束

1	560. zl	30	2347	437	
ಜ	560.23	30	2349	437	
3	560.15	30	2341	438	
4	560.22	30	ಚ348	438	
5	564.4	41	2390	440	
6	562.22	38	2376	4 38	
7	560.26	30	ಚ357	438	
8	407.5) 146.38)	91	83%	449	
9	250.21	31	1323	180	
TO	564.2	41	2387	439	In SW as 664.2
11	562.26	38	238%	439	
12	560.19	25	2352		
13	560.14	30	TVD type pain	437	
14	560.20	30	2346	437	
15	564.14 }	88	stade were bow	448	In SW as 565.14
16	560.8	%O	2337	420	
17	387.14	42	1799	440	
18	560,27	30	AND storm garge	437	
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19	560.6	ಸ0	2326	435					
20	564.3	4	2388	432					
z1	564.9	4	2396	432					
ಜಜ	560.12	20	2340	435					
23	560.28	30	≥356	438					
≱ 4	56%, %5	38	ಜ380	439					
25	560.≿5B	65	2351B	262					
≱ 6	560.29	17	ACT COM AND	435	Not	shown	on	Plate	30.

Notes:

- (1) E.g. see 57.29
- (2) For reports of everyday work done by cavalrymen see Ch. 279-288.
- (3) Figures of cavalrymen, analysed a cording to their hsien, are given in Nishimura p.170.In addition to the hsien mentioned in UD 3, there are a few examples from Chüyen, Yüeh-lo,P'an-ho,Wu-lan (Changi chin) and P'eng-yang 点, 肾 (An-ting chin).Ch.416 mentions Ying-ch'uan 水丸, possibly in this connection, but the strip is very much faded and the reading is questionable.
- (4) Han-chiu-i B,4a. For a summary of views and a general discussion of the types of servicemen and forms of service, see Yang (1) pp.108-116. See also Wang (1)

 Shih II, 23b et seq.; Remnants p.17; Nishimura pp.175f.
- (5) See Wang (1) <u>loc.cit</u>.
- (6) For Ch'ao Ts'o's colonial policy, see Aristocratic Ranks
 p. 128. For his suggestion regarding the use of non-Chinese
 cavalrymen see HS XLIX 111 et seq.

- (7) In this connection Nishimura cites 510.3: however the text is too poor and the fragment too small to justify undue reliance.
- (8) See Aristocratic ranks p.125.Individual cases in which non-Chinese received orders, for particular reasons, are seen in the marquisates bestowed on Hsiung nu leaders (see HS XVII,6b et sec.). See also Aristocratic ranks p.156.
- (9) Nishimura, pp. 165-8, distinguishes between \underline{tsu} , i.e. servicemen subject to labour and military service, and \underline{shih} , i.e. specially picked men. \angle
- (10) Group 232 is possibly to be associated with MD (see MD 6 no.12)

Add to
Note For the recruitment of cavalrymen from the liang-chia-tzu (9) 良家子, see pp.177 and 189 (note (1)).

岳地騎士千秋里 孫 產

在地騎士安漢里解它

兵池騎士 白田里 夢已

自地騎士大昌里 孫地

医地騎士口平里宋慶

在地騎士口口里口口 明

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自地騎士武定里杜延年

氏地騎士千秋里王 赦之

在地騎士昌樂里丁 竟

照美馬士並延里輔憲一十四

成此騎士安定里陳光

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卒馬一匹

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刑丹騎士定安里楊朝

昭武騎士宜家里孫便

昭武騎士市陽里儲盖时

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昭武騎士宜春里高明

樂得騎士敬老里張德

樂得騎士安定里楊山

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解得騎士常利里趙湯

得騙七口口里放口之

解得騎士武安里王尚見

解得騎士常利里乙昌

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UD 3 Translation

- 1 Ti-ch'ih cavalryman Ch'u Ch'ang, of P'ing-ming li.
- z Ti-ch'ih cavalryman Meng Fu, of Ch'ang-yd li. 8
- 3 Ti-ch'ih cavalryman P'eng Kung Ch'eng, of An-ting li.
- 4 Ti-ch'ih cavalryman Sun Kuang, of Ch'ien-ch'iu li.
- 5 Ti-ch'ih cavalryman Chieh T'o, of An-han li. ...
- 6 Ti-ch'ih cavalryman Cheng I, of Fu-ch'ang li. ...
- 7 Ti-ch'ih cavalryman Sun Ti, of Ta-ch'ang li.
- 8 Ti -ch'ih cavalryman Sung Ch'ing, of *-p'ing li. ...
- 9 Ti-ch'ih cavalryman * * * , of * * <u>li</u>. ...
- 10 Ti-ch'ih cavalryman Ssu Fei Tzu, of Fu-ch'ang 11
- ll Ti-ch'ih cavalryman Tu Yen Nien, of Wu-ting li. ...
- 12 Ti-ch'ih cavalryman Wang She Chih, of Ch'ien-ch'iu li
- 13 Ti-ch'ih cavalryman Ting Ching, of Ch'ang-lo li.
- 14 Ti-ch'ih cavalryman Ch'en Kuang, of An-ting li. 10
- 15 Hsien-mei cavalryman Fu Hsien, of Ping-t'ing li. 14
- 16 Shan-tan cavalryman Yang Pa, of Ting-an <u>li</u>. One serviceman's horse.
- 17 Chao-wu cavalryman Sun Yen, of I-chung <u>li</u>. ...
- 18 Chac-wu cavalryman Ch'u Shou, of Shih-yang li.
- 19 Chao-wu cavalryman Yang t'ien, of Lo-ch'eng li. ...
- 20 Chao-wu cavalryman Kao Ming, of I-ch'un li. ...
- 21 Li-te cavalryman Chang te, of Ching-lao li. ...
- EZ Li-te cavalryman Yang Shan, of An-ting <u>li</u>. 10
- 23 Li-te cavalryman I Ch'ang, of Ch'ang-li <u>li</u>.

- 24 Li-te cavalryman Wang Ch'ang,of Wuan <u>li</u>. ...
- 25 Lite cavalryman Chao T'ang, of Ch'ang-li li.
- 26 Li-te cavalryman Ti * Chih, of * * 11.

Notes

1 平 SW,LK 奉

如如 Chen Pang-huai 與

- 4 LK reads the horizontal lines as $\Xi \Xi \Xi$
- 8 Sw, LK I Chia =

平 SW, Chia, LK 樂

宋慶 SW, Ohis宋廣城康慶

- 5 و U SW, Chia 見 LK 視
- 13 LK Adds 充口二食
- 14 + SW omits
- 15 The check-mark is rendered \exists in SW and P in LK.
- 16 刷升sw, Chia, LK 解 得
- 222 定LK 全 +LK omits
- 23 La reads Zefter the entry.
- 24 武安LK 武

* Insert 2 / followed by check-mark. SW, Chia omit. LK 入享

UD 4 (Plate 31)

Introduction

The fragments assembled here are parts of one or more records of the issue of grain to servicemen. The quantities of wheat are measured on the large scale (ta shih) at a monthly allowance of two shih per head for a full month. As a slightly different formula is seen in some of the pieces (i.e. nos.11-15 and 22-23, where 以真 is written in place of 以食) and the strips may have been written by several hands, it is possible that at least two documents are represented. However, the general similarity of the fragments justifies their consideration together as parts of one series of records. Another piece that mey be concerned is seen in 219.14.

Vertical lines, probably acting as check-marks, are seen in nos. 10 and 11. The word the has probably been omitted, in error, in nos. 4 and 12.

An attempt can be made to date these fragments. If it is assumed that nos. 7-9 were written by the same hand and apply to the same year, they can be dated in 94,61,34 or 18 B.C., or in 21 or 43 A.D., i.e. years in which the fourth and fifth months were long, and which also included an intercalary month. Of these years, 61 and 34 B.C. and 43 A.D. are perhaps more likely than the others; the intercalary month was inserted between the fourth and the fifth months, and nos. 7-9 could thus be the work of the same clerk, who was on duty for a period comprising those three months.

UD 4

(In 94, and 18 B.C. and 21 A.D. the intercalary month was inserted after the ninth month).

Years which lie close to those mentioned above and which suit the circumstances of the other strips can be seen in the following list. It may perhaps be concluded that nos. 3,4 and 7-10, with the formula 以复date from 61-60,36-34 B.C. or 41-43 A.D.; and that nos. 11 and 12, with 以京, derive from a contemporary record of 60,34 B.C. or 43 A.D.

	I	3. C.	B.C.	B.C.	B.C.	A. D.	A.D.
4		96 93	61	36 32	20 17	22 19	41 45
nd 9		94	61	34	18	21	43
		95 90	60	35 34 33	19 14	20 23	43
		94	62 61 60	34	18	21	43
		95 93	6 3 60	34	19 17	55 50	43
2,17		42	1722	256	In Chia	as 332.	21
	}	32	691	254	In SW a	s 124.4	
3.9		74	1036	264			
.3.3		39	118	25 5			
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8	332.24	25	1720	251	
9	332.14	25	1712	251	
10	10.3	13	65	248	
11	253.10) 284.14)	31	and with	253	
12	337.9	41	1731	255	In SW PP LK as 337.35
13	253.6	51	many title game.	259	
14	116.5	40	654	255	In SW as 166.5
1 5	559.2	552		349	
16	239.20	549		348	
17	126.17	401	and who pills	323	
18	126.14	401		323	
19	126.32	402		323	
20	239.105	550		3 48	
21	118.2	94	683	269	
22	255.33	78		265	
23	146.52	536		341	In SW as 146.43

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4 UD 出麥二石

出麥一石九什三什少

以食始安隊卒四十月食

以食當井隊卒 以食安竟隊、平松不信五月食

卒楊甲取

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以食夷胡卒條德土月食口口口口 以食窮寇隊卒王廣十一月食

出麥二石

以食成本謝安國等 ::

日如意隊卒程充等四人四月食

出麥八石

以食窮寇隊至黃弗傷門月食

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… 麥二石

出麥三石

出爱一石九什三什少

以食序竟隊卒田事所九月食

以東水門隊一年標五月食

以食安樂隊以卒陳廣五月食

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出麥二石

以前水門卒田安年八月

出口麥三石六什

以東夷胡然卒 以真夷胡隊、卒田充口

出麥二石

以京夷

石口

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UD 4

出麥二石

出委二石

出麥一石九斗三

出麥二石

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以東口口隊式卒關城四月食

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以京夷胡隊

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UD 4 Translation

- 1 Issued: wheat 2 shih; as rations for ..., private, Tang-ching sui ...
- 2 ... as rations for She Pu Hsin, private, An-ching sui; allowance for the fifth month; received by private Yang Chia.
- 3 Issued: wheat 1.93 shih; as rations for ..., private, Shih an sui; allowance for the tenth month.
- Issued: wheat 2 shih; as rations for Hsd Te, private, I-hu sui; allowance for the eleventh month. ...
- 5 ... as rations for Wang Kuang, private, Ch'iung-k'ou sui; allowance for the eleventh month, ...
- 6 ... as rations for guardsmen Hsieh An Kuo and others ...
- 7 Issued: wheat 8 shih; ... Ch'eng Ch'ung, private, Ju-i sui, and others, being four men; allowance for the fourth month.
- 8 ... as rations for Huang Wu Shang, private, Ch'iung-k'ou sui; allowance for the intercalary month.
- 9 ...wheat 2 shih; as rations for Ch'en Kuang, guardsman,
 An-lo sui; allowance for the fifth month.
- 10 Issued: wheat 1.93 shih; as rations for T'ien Shih So, private, [Hsiang-ching?] sui; allowance for the ninth month.

[check mark]

Il Issued: wheat 2 shih; as supplies for Wang Hsieh, private,
Sui-men sui; allowance for the fifth month. [check marks]

- 12 Issued: wheat 2 shih; as supplies for T'ien An Nien, private, Sui-men sui; allowance for the eighth month....
- 13 Issued: ...wheat 2.6 shih; as supplies for ..., private,
 I hu sui ...
- 14 ... as supplies for T'ien Ch'ung, private, I-hu sui ...
- 15 ...shih ...; as supplies for ..., I ...
- 16 Issued: wheat 2 shih; ...
- 17 Issued: wheat 2 shih; ...
- 18 Issued: wheat 2 shih; ...
- 19 Issued: wheat 2 shih; ...
- 20 Issued: wheat 1.93 shih; ...
- 21 Issued: wheat 2 shih; ...
- 22 ... as supplies for Kuan Sui, guardsman, ** sui; allowance for the fourth month. ...
- 23 ... as supplies for ... I-hu sui ...

Notes

- ı 井 sw 日
- 2 竟 Ch'en (4) 克 赦 SW Chia 數 LK 郭

五月 SW omits 月

楊 Chia 希揚

3 一石LK 二石

H SW Chia LK + (also in nos.10 and 13)

卒以口

4 出 LK 土

7日 SW Chia 康 LK 口程 LK 口加入 LK 口 人

9 % LK 产

10 出 SW Chia LK omit

石sw右

序竟 SW LK 漢充 Ohia 序充

SW Chia LK omit check mark

11 夏 SW Chia LK 厦 (also in nos.12-15; in no.15 LK reads 栗). For 夏 meaning to supply or distribute grain see Wang (1) Shih II,29b; HHS LXXXVI (biog. lxxvi) 7b; and Chiu-chang-suan-shu 九章算料 III 5a,6a. For the form of the character see ND 13 Introduction p. 403.

SW LK omit check marks.

18 出 址土

丰 sw omits

13 口 SW LK 穫 夷 SW LK 乗

14 H SW Chia 11

15 SW LK A

夷 SW LK 口

20 = SW | LK |

22 🔲 SW LK omit

以真SW LK 入康

口口的中吸压阵竟

83 夷 818 貴

UD 5 (Plates 32-33)

Introduction

The establishment of official posts or barriers at important points of communication by land and water had been practised in China before the Han period. The institution was abolished during Wen ti's reign (168 B.C.: see HS IV, 14a and HFHD I,p. 252) but it was reestablished shortly afterwards (in 153; see HS V.4b and MM HFHD I.p. 315) and used as a means of controlling the passage of individual travellers. The officials of the passes had a particularly important part to play at the frontiers, in so far as it had proved desirable to control communications and trade between Chinese and non-Chinese as early as the time of the empress Lü (see HS XCV, 10b). With the extension of communication lines towards central Asia, the establishment of further control points became necessary; well-known examples are seen in the Yümen and Yang passes of Tunhuang commandery, where highranking officials, termed kuan tu wei 常 都 appointed as the officers in charge. Similarly a pass called the Chin kuan 年間 was established near Ulan pass called the Chin kuan 年間 was established near Ulan (2)

Passage through such points was permitted to travellers who furnished the dorrect documents or passports, examples of which survive in the material found at Chüyen . In addition, the officials of the pass maintained a record of the travellers who had been allowed through, on which they noted details which were sufficient to identify the individual. That such details might be needed in the case of absconders or criminals whose arrest had been ordered is clear from several strips.

There was also included on the record a note of any equipment or merchandise, e.g. weapons, means of transport, whose export from China was subject to official control. It is to be noted that the material from Tunhuang includes references to the submission of reports of this very type, with a full registration of men, livestock, vehicles, horses and manufactured equipment.

The fragments which are presented as UD 5 and TD 8 are believed to be pieces of just such records. The travellers who were allowed passage include men who came from the interior of China, e.g. Honan or Hotung, as well as some whose homes lay in the commanderies of the north-west. There is no reason to assume that these men were (6) necessarily soldiers or officers, though Mori has expressed the view that fieldsmen or officers are concerned in some cases. However, fieldsmen, guardsmen and officers are almost inevitably described with their full military designation. This practice is borne out in a particular instance here (UD 5 no.10) and throughout MD 13, which records the passage of military personnel through a

then a control situated on a civilian route. In addition there are fragments of labels or captions of records, which may have been very similar to those under discussion here, which clearly indicate that civilian travellers were concerned, e.g. 29.3A,B (Plate 48 nos.11 and 12) which reads: 房房 无车六月史民出入籍 "Register of outgoing and incoming officials and civilians for the sixth month of the first year of Yang so [24 B.C.]."

The material from Chüyen also includes quite a number of certificates, mostly fragmentary, on which named individuals are stated to be qualified to receive travelling documents; these cases include civilians proceeding from central China (8) to the north west for private purposes of trade.

There is not sufficient information on these fragments to suggest a date for the records, and it cannot be said for certain that all the pieces derive from one document. Nos. 1-14, and nos. 15-17 were probably written by different clerks; and it is by no means certain that nos. 25-30 were written by the same hand as nos.1-14. As the strips bear the same information in the same form, they can either be regarded either as parts of a consecutive series of records or as parts of one document, which was made out (9) by a number of different officers on duty at the pass.

It will be seen that the lower parts of most

of these fragments are missing, and actual references to passage through the point of control are seen on nos.7, 20,33 and 34 only. The statement on no.7 was made in respect of a number of individuals, and may refer to persons whose descriptions were recorded on different strips. On nos. 8,14, of possage 22 and 24 no statement was entered, and these strips could well refer to members of groups of travellers who were allowed through on the same occasion and whose passage was recorded on one strip only.

The final word written on nos.7 and 8 is read variously 五 or 矛,and cannot be interpreted with certainty. Mori (8) p.90 takes one instance (no.8) as the beginning of a date 五月,but this is unlikely, as the character appears at the foot of the strip, with no space below, but ample room above for the inclusion of a longer inscription. In no.7 Mori (loc.cit.) explains the sign as a check-mark, written in the form of the character 矛。In all probability the same character is intended in no.7 and no.8; in view of the entry 矛公 in no.34, 矛 is perhaps preserable to 五,but the meaning is not clear.

In most cases the strips start with the place of origin of the individual, given in the order of chun, haien and li. On occasion an intermediate unit, the haieng, is inserted between the haien and the li. A problem is presented in nos. 5 and 7, where, in place of the name Wu wei chun, the text reads pao . This terms is also seen as

follows, in contexts where the designation of a major (11) administrative unit (i.e.chin) might be expected:

97.9 葆姑越西地口里口 119.67 葆小張掖有義里 62.43 葆樂得敬老里王嚴 334.29 遣葆樂得渡、團里韓口為

Ch'en (1) p.44 cites some of these passages and takes pao to mean "recommend" or "guarantee". Pao occurs in the following passage of the Shih-chi (CX,28) with reference to the activity of the Hsiung nu early in the Wen ti period: 浸 造土郡葆里 美克. In the corresponding passage of HS (XCIVA,10a) the text reads 區友浸上郡 保里 美 and Yen Shih-ku (581-645) explained the last four characters as "those who were originally subordinated to Han and dwelt at the defences of the borders, protecting themselves". Morohashi (31381/8) renders 深 as toride, i.e. fortress; this compound is also seen in SC CXXX,56 (with reference to Shih-chi CXV), and in HS XCIVB,6b it is used (with A not A) in the sense of "to defend the frontiers".

The contexts in which the term is used in the strips, together with the passage on which Yen Shih-ku comments, suggest that the word was used as a topographical designation, and the meaning may be something like "protected area". In this way it could refer to territory which lay outside the main defence lines and to which access was reached through controlled points of communication. Although

hsien were established in this zone, it was of an intermediate nature in so far as it was inhabited by Chinese and non-Chinese inhabitants, subject in different ways to the demands of Chinese officials. The existence of such a zone has been suggested in connection with the recruitment of cavalrymen from among non-Chinese inhabitants (see UD 3 Introduction 1491), and it is not impossible that the concept of a protected zone should be associated with Chinese practice in regard to hostages. Yang Lien-sheng (1) pp. 43f. has discriminated between hostages that were taken by the Chinese (a) from non-Chinese states and (b) "from [Chinese] military or civil officials, especially from those who were stationed along boundaries or sent out on an expedition". In connection with (b) Yang (pp. 50f.) cites the use of the expression保 (or保) 宮 "surety house" in the Mo-tzu and the Han-shu. The intermediate zone as conceived here would be one wherein Chinese lived under the protection of Chinese officials and troops, while non-Chinese were tolerated subject to the submission of hostages. It is to be noted that in both nos. 5 and 7 inhabitants of the pao are described with prders of aristocratic rank; presumably they were counted as Chinese inhabitants.

Acceptance of this interpretation of the term pao would imply that haien qualified by that term were situated beyond or outside the main lines of defence and communication; these could then be placed, in an east-west direction, to the south of the haien of risiao—(14) Chang-i, Ku-tsang and Luan-niao (Map 1 nos. 2,1 and 6). In this connection there is an interesting statement in HS LXIX, 6b, to the effect that Wu-wei haien, Chang-i and Yüeh-lo lay north of the defence line the statement refers to c. 61 B.C.

The use of the term pao gives rise to a further inference, which concerns the dating of the strips.

The <u>hsien</u> of Luan niso, which is mentioned in nos.

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In addition to the fragments shown here, there are a number of other pieces which may have derived from similar documents.

- (a) Where the date and time of passage is recorded, below the space for the lower binding string: 15.25; 51.4;51.13,121.25;51.16;53.15;62.13;62.24;62.33;62.55; (15) and 395.8.
- (b) Where details similar to those given in UD 5 are written, together with the number of the pass which was held by the traveller:11.4;280.3.
- (c) Other fragments: 15.20; 37.30; 62.4; 62.19; 62.21; 62.32; 228.18; 323.3; 336.23; 336.43; 340.9; 387.3; and, in Su's (16) collection p.24,6.3.

It is possible that the following pairs each formed part of one original strip:nos.5 and 6;nos. 13 and 14; and nos.36 and 37.

Unexplained vertical marks are seen on nos.7 and 10.

1	43.7	139	970 ca ca	456	
8	75.5	141	eno CO ant	456	
3	43.2 77.81)	139		456	
4	340.39	145	## C# usp	456	
5	51.5	144	and the last	456	
6	119.27	144	## ## ##	456	
7	15.5	100	### COM	4 451	
8	51.25	145	CD (10)	4 57 .	In SW as 51.35
9	37.42	137	00 to	455	

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10	37.38	137	QUAR E-709 X 400	455	
11	340.25	145	## CP ##	457	
12	37 . 23	138	ene sine pap	455	
13	43.4	139	des sols pag	4 56	
14	43.9	139	Can can	424	
15	77.53) 77.56)	89	ents with city	44 8	
16	11.19	39	112	Not	found
17	43.20	139	-	424	
18	340.19	145	1748	457	
19	407.15	555	≠= }= • =	480	
20	62 . 34	111		184	
21	15.14	101	em 200 100	451	In SW as 15.4
22	14.13	1	128	432	
23	126.19	32	720	438	
24	??	ulife who com	*37	## TVD-1700	*Supplementary series. Not shown on Plates 32-33
25	334.28	59	gan 120 Hjs	444	
26	334.35	59	40 FB 40	443	
27	334.45	59	gaile Cité pales	443	
28	334.46	59	es es es	443	
29	33 4.3 6	59	940 cm 150-	444	
30	3 34.41	59	20 CB als	443	
31	334.37	59	gent 4700 C.EE	443	In SW as 334.47
32	334.42	59	and the train	369	

33	[334.33]	58	ad 170 aa	369	Original number uncertain. In TP, LK this is given as 334.13B, 334.33B; in SW as 334.13, 334.33. See no.35 below.
34	334 .3 2	58		443	
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36	334.6	59	ano essa (2 16	444	
37	334.31	58	g/80 ASS valle-	443	In SW as 634.31

Notes:

- (1) For the <u>kuan-tu-wei</u> see HS XIXA, 29a, and XXVIII, B1, 19b.

 A decree of 99 B.C. (HS VI, 34b; HFHD II 106) enjoined such officials to maintain a careful control of passage through the passes. The relationship of the <u>kuan-tu-wei</u>, and the <u>tu-wei</u> of the <u>chin</u>, is discussed in Oba (2) pp. 9-10.
- The fact that external address labels inscribed have been found at the sites of UD indicates that the Chin-kuan was situated there (see 32.22 (Plate 47 no.8); 62.38;74.5 (Plate 47 no.7); and 288.2. Group 62 can be associated with UD by virtue of no.20 in UD 5). That this was somewhat separated from other organs established at UD is shown by strips such as 332.1 (Plate 47 no.3), which is an external address label addressed to the hou-kuan of Chien-shui, and which was delivered there by Private Hung, of the Chin-kuan.
- (3) E.g. 29.1;29.2;65.7;65.9;65.10. The subject of passes and passports is discussed in $\underline{K'ao}$ pp.3f and pp.18f and in

Oba (2). In former Han times these documents were described, in general terms, as chuan / (e.g. HS IV, 北 14a and V,4b) but by the time of Chang Yen 美 (third to fourth century; see note to HS IV.14a) the in use if T'ang documents (See Oba (2) p.1; K'ao p.19; expression kuo-so 301 yy was used, and this term was in use if T'ang documents (See Oba (2) p.1:K'ao p.19: and Morohashi 39002/126). The stages whereby this expression came into use can perhaps be illustrated from the Chüyen material. (i) Certificates declaring that travellers were qualified to receive passports (/專) often include a request that such information should be forwarded to the appropriate posts. In the only extant complete example of these documents (15.19) these are specified as 角水蛋阳居延県条案間 The Chin pass of Chien-shui and the So pass of Chüyen prefecture. In a number of fragments the posts are described in more general terms as such as 過 片津 passes and fords at places en-route, e.g. 140.1A (dateable at 83 or 21 B.C.);170.3A(11 B.C.);218.2; 213.44A,213.28A (64 B.C.);303.12A (78 B.C.);506.20; and 562.3A (39 B.C.). (ii) Cheng Hsülan explained chuan by using the term kuo-so (Chou-li IV, 20a; Biot I,p. 332) 傅如与杨温序文書 cited by Wang (2) 10a, with the omission of the important word .Dubs (HFHD I,252) renders Cheng Hsdan's note as "A chuan is like the present ko-so

documents which are transmitted". An alternative rendering is "The chuan were like those documents which are nowadays transmitted to places in transit." (iii) There are at least two examples where kuo so is written, without qualification, as an address for documents: (a) 39.2 (See Plate 47 no.12). This is an external address label of the usual shape and size. (b) 175.20A (See Plate 49 nos.5 and 6). This fragment cannot be identified for certain, but in all probability is the upper portion of a hai the . with the address inscribed so as to surmount the notch cut for a seal. It is thought that in these two cases the expression kuo-so is used as a general address "Places en route", in a way that is comparable with the English usage "To whom it may concern". (iv) It is possible that documents such as those mentioned in (i) may have been carried by individual travellers for presentation where necessary, and that these could have borne the external address label as seen in (iii); and that, by transference, the term came to be applied to the certificates for travel or passports themselves.

- (4) E.g. 40.1;157.24A;513.17,303.15.
- (5) See Ch.148-9 and 150, and Fujieda (1) pp.317-8.

 Oba (2) pp.8-9 stresses that the restrictions on export were imposed for military rather than economic reasons.

- (6) Mori (8) p.88.
- (7) Another example is seen in 50.26 (Plate 48 no.5)
 where the text probably reads: ...民出入 開 道 ...
 See also Su p.24,no.3.3. The operation of the system of
 passes elsewhere in China at this time is shown by
 two instances in which the regulations were relaxed,
 exceptionally, in view of popular distress (in 23 and
 17 B.C. See HS X,7a and 10b; HFHD II p.389 and 400)
- (8) A collective study of these fragments has been made in Oba (2) pp.14f; in particular see 15.19 and 140.1.
- (9) It is not known whether the passes were kept open throughout the twenty four hours of the day, or whether there was a system of relief or rota for officials on duty. It is possible that there is a slight difference of form in some instances in UD 5 wherein the chin is not specified, but these may be cases in which the chin was too well known to need inclusion (e.g.no.24 mentions a li in Ch'angan itself; and the chin of Chang-i was concerned in nos.3,4,12,29,33,35 and 36).
- (10) I.e. nos.26 and 27.0n the relationship of the hsiang and the li see Hibino (2) and Miyazaki, Les villes en Chine a l'époque des Han (T'oung Pao XLVIII pp. 376f)
- (11) Pao occurs as a proper name in 160.13 and ?181.2A.

 It may also be seen in 209.6 (as given in K'ao p.16;

 other readings are given in SW and LK); and 509.17

 (see Chia 2046 for a clearer photograph than TP 71).

- (12) A is also used verbally in SC CXXX,56 (with reference to SC CXIV).
- (13) See UD 3 introduction, note(8)
- (14) In Wu wei chin. See K'ao p. 30
- (15) Of these, 62.13;62.24 and 62.55 can probably be identified as the work of one hand. It is not known where group 395 was found (395.3 may possibly associate the group with site P.9 rather than UD)
- (16) Two strips numbered 336.23 are shown on TP 41; the piece under reference here is the one shown on the left, which is correctly numbered (i.e. Chia no.1714). For the inclusion of 340.9, see UD 1 no.9. It is not known where group 323 was found.

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UD

河南郡河南縣北中里公乘史存年世二長七尺行黑色

口年世 長人尺五寸黑色 土月草

居近都尉給事佐居延始至里萬尚具善年世四歲長人尺五寸黑色

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2

探絲鳥 島大昌里不更李軍年十六 居延安故里孫軍軍年廿三劍一黑色長

四長七尺里

葆總鳥鳥 憲衆里上造 顧收年十二日長六尺黑色 皆六月丁巴出

黑色

河東部養陽門亭長野里郭疆長七尺三寸 東郡田车清口口里大夫頭德年廿四長又尺二十黑色

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UD 5

居延西道里不更許宗年世五長人尺子

自有善人里所

尺五寸里色

十月辛?

居延同里口口

金城里公乘京如口

口方相一乘馬牡馬一匹齒八夢

子賴

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口口里唐宣年廿二長人尺三寸黑色五月:

五十二長七尺一十里色 **乗**口

聖車乘

尺五十黑色

一長七尺五寸黑色

世 長义尺七寸黑色

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口陽里唐並年十九長人尺三寸黃黑色八月辛西出

口 口口里上造王福年六十長人尺二寸黑色

安国年世長人尺手黑色

長安有利里宋買年廿四 長人尺二十黑色

魏郡敏然陽北鄉佐左里公乘張世 河内郡迴西故里大夫蘇嚴軍年世五 長人尺三寸黑色

河南那维陽北鄉北昌里公乘口忠年

河南平陰口口君陽里公乘魏聖年

27

26

25

24

23

22

21

20

樂得口都里都毋傷年世六歲長人尺二十里口

535

口

公銀務輔年八長人尺一十黑色

尺三十黑色

口口口五

牛車一兩

弓一矢世

牛車一両

劍一 已入

聽軒萬 歲里公乘兒 為年世長人尺二寸黑色

32

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不出

黑色

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昭武千秋里大夫 陸勝口

口口解得安世里公東工未央年世長七尺二十黑色

年世九長七尺二十里色

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- Shih Ts'un, of Pei-chung <u>li</u>, Ho-nan <u>haien</u>, Honan <u>chün</u>; order of <u>kung ch'eng</u>; age 32; height 7 feet 2 inches; colouring black; ...
- 2 ...age 20; height 7 feet 5 inches; colouring black;...on hsin ...eleventh month ...
- Wan Shang Shan, chi_shih_tso of the Chüyen tu-wei, of Shih-chih li, Chüyen [hsien]; age 34 years; height 7 feet 5 inches; colouring black; ...
- 4 Sun Ch'ung Chun, of An-ku <u>li</u>, Chuyen [<u>hsien</u>]; age 23; one sword; colouring black; height ...
- 5 Li Yün, of Ta-ch'ang <u>li</u>, Luan-niao [<u>hsien</u>], in the protected zone; order of pu <u>keng</u>; age 16; ...
- 6 ...height 7 feet;...black ...
- 7 Ku Shou, of Hsien-chung <u>li</u>, Luan-niao [<u>hsien</u>], in the protected zone; order of <u>shang tsao</u>; age 12; height 6 feet; colouring black. All persons proceeded out on <u>ting ssu</u>, sixth month. [?not]
- 8 ...colouring black; [?not]
- 9 Kuo Ch'iang, t'ing chang of Yang men, of Yu-li, Hsiang ling [hsien], Ho-tung [chin]; height 7 feet 3 inches; ...
- Nieh te, fieldsman, of * * li, Ch'ing[hsien], Tung chin, order of ta fu; age 24; height 7 feet 2 inches; colouring black; ...
- 11 ...feet 5 inches; colouring black; ... on hsin ... tenth month ...

- Hst Tsung, of Hsi-tao <u>li</u>, Chüyen [<u>hsien</u>]; order of <u>pukeng</u>; age 35; height 7 feet 2 inches; personally possessing ... of Shan-jen <u>li</u>... the same <u>li</u>, Chüyen [<u>hsien</u>] ...
- 13 ...Ching Ju ..., of Chin-ch'eng <u>li</u> ...order of <u>kung</u> <u>ch'eng</u>; ...
- 14 ...one box-cart,; one male, white-faced, horse aged 8;
 child [named] Chiung ...
- 15 ... T'ang Hstan, of ... <u>li</u> ... age 23; height 7 feet 3 inches; colouring black; ... fifth month ...
- 16 ... 52; height 7 feet 1 inch; colouring black; riding ...
- 17 ...feet 5 inches; colouring black; light vehicle; ...
- 18 ... 30, height 7 feet 7 inches; colouring black; ...
- 19 ...l, height 7 feet 5 inches; colouring black; ...
- 20 ... T'ang Ping, of *-yang li,... age 19; height 7 feet 3 inches; colouring yellow-black; proceeded out on hain yu, eighth month. ...
- 21 Hsieh Mu, of Kao-wu <u>li</u>, Fan yang [<u>hsien</u>], Wei <u>chün</u>; order of <u>ta fu</u>; age 40; height 7 feet 2 inches; colouring black: ...
- 22 Wang Fu, of ... li ... age 60, height 7 feet 2 inches; colouring black;...
- 23 ... An kuo . .age 40; height 7 feet 2 inches; colouring black: ...
- 24 Sung Mai, of Yu-li <u>li</u>, Ch'angan; age 24; height 7 feet 2 inches; colouring black.

- 25 Su Pa Chun of Hsi ku-li, Wen [hsien], Ho-nei whun, order of ta fu; age 35; height 7 feet 3 inches; colouring black; ...
- 26 Chang Shih, of Tso-tso <u>li</u>, in the northern <u>hsiang</u>, Fan-yang [<u>hsien</u>], Wei <u>chün</u>; order of <u>kung ch'eng</u>;...
- 27 * Chung, of Pei-ch'ang <u>li</u>, in the northern <u>haising</u>,

 Loyang [<u>haien</u>], Ho-nan <u>chun; order of kung ch'eng; age ...</u>
- 28 Wei Sheng, of Chün-yang <u>li</u>, P'ing-yin [<u>hsien</u>], Ho-nan [<u>chün</u>];...order of <u>kung ch'eng</u>; age ...
- 29 Ho Wu Shang, of *-tu <u>li</u>, Li-te [<u>hsien</u>] ... age 36 years; height **se** 7 feet 2 inches ... black ...
- 30 ... Sun Fu,... order of kung ch'eng; age 18; height 7 feet linch; colouring black;...
- 31 ...feet 3 inches...5 ...
- 32 ... one ox-cart; one bow, thirty arrows.
- 33 Erh Tsang, of Wan-sui <u>li</u>, Li-hsien [<u>hsien</u>], order of <u>kung ch'eng</u>; age 30; height 7 feet 2 inches; colouring black; one sword; already entered; one ox-cart:...
- 34 ... colouring black; did not proceed out ...
- 35 Kung Wei Yang, of An-shih <u>li</u>, Li-te [<u>hsien</u>]...order of <u>kung ch'eng</u>; age 30; height 7 feet 2 inches; colouring black: ...
- 36 Lu Sheng, of Ch'ien-ch'iu <u>li</u>, Chao-wu [<u>hsien]</u>; order of ta fu; ...
- 37 ... age 39; height 7 feet 2 inches; colouring black; ...

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1県紅中Sic SW,LK and Mori (8) p.88. If right,県紅 is exceptional, as the term is not included in similar contexts in the other strips.

3 結 LK 結. The title 結事性is untraced (for 結事 see HS XIXA 24b)

至此后

4 崖 LK 聖 · Cf. Ch. 150, note.

Both here and in 501.8 \(\bar{\pi} \) is written \(\bar{\pi} \); however the form \(\bar{\pi} \) is also seen in the Chüyen material (e.g. 504.10)

6 Illegible marks (intrusive?) appear before the description of the height; similar marks are seen in no.7.

7+=sw +=

8 不 SW, LK and Mori (8) p.89 五

9郭斯

10口口sw,IK 臺里一二十sw.IK 三寸

11十月辛sw,IK 十月二

12 西 sw,LK 丣

13 \$1 SW, LK []

For the form of \$\overline{\mathcal{X}}\$ see X 2 no.9 note.

14 口 sw 入

The phrase 方相車is seen in 53,15 and 62.13, which are fragments of the same type as those collected

here. The rendering that has been adopted is based on the explanation of 发車by Cheng Hsdan (Chou-li VI,52a; Biot II,p.128) as follows: 方箱可載在器以共役 馬桂 LK馬它; cf 62.13.

15日日SW小新LK 就

五月 SW.LK 口口

16七尺1水十尺

20 口 sw前 LK 當

並sw芝

LR IK+R

21 繁 A possible alternative would be 黎

27矩 SW 部

口决、SW,IK 口口

28 日日 SW 尉史

29 印樂得口都8W 結車樂得郡都 都 8W 都

黑口sw,LK黑色

31 口口口五 SW,LK omit

32 一两 sw, Lk 十八 兩

33 中 SW, LK 中 . See Dubs pp. 24-5 for various ways of writing the name of this haien.

牛車一兩sw,LK 牛車二

35 [] [IK] 旦 車

37 1 SW, LK /\

UD 6

(Plate 10)

Introduction

Three of these pieces (nos.2-4) have been identified by Lao Kan (K'ao pp.40-41) as part of a report of the observation of signals indicating enemy activity. The association of no.1 with the other three strips may be questioned in view of the differences of spacing between the characters; the handwriting, however, is probably the same, and Hsi appears as the name of the originator of the report in both nos.1 and 4.A very similar hand is seen in UD 9.

The terms of no.1 suggest that the report was sent from the <u>hou-kuan</u> of Chien-shui to the immediately superior unit, i.e. the <u>tu-wei-fu</u>. The form of the document can be tentatively reconstructed as follows:

- (a) Introductory statement of the submission of the report (no.1).
- (b) Reference to the receipt of information from a neighbouring unit, i.e. the <u>hou-kuan</u> or <u>hou</u> of Kuang ti, referring in turn to a despatch describing the events of the previous day (nos.2-4).
- (c) Account of action taken by the originator of the report (final words of no.4).

No.4 may follow directly after no.3.

There is no means of dating this document, and it can be imagined that many reports of this type were

submitted during the years of Han military activity.
Use of the expression 日本元 in no.1 may suggest a time (2)
before Wang Mang.

Two characters, possibly intrusive, appear on the (3) upper half of no.2; these are not included in the transcription.

1.	562.17 387.12	}	42	1802	14
2	562.9 407.2	}	41	1824	13
3	407.3 564.13	}	41	1825	13
4	403.19 433.40 564.28	}	41	1805	13

Notes:

- (1) Chia shen, the day specified in no.3, precedes i yu in no.2 (cyclical terms nos.21 and 22).
- (2) See Introduction p. 1986.
- (3) SW and Chia read 四卒;LK口口;K'ao p.40 湿

所大如積料去差 口機日甲申俊卒望見 塞外東上

百 熊里臣意思

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:: 日火四

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- I J, by name Hsi, of Ching-lao <u>li</u>, Li-te [<u>hsien</u>], order of <u>kung ch'eng</u>, the <u>ling-shih</u> of Chien-shui <u>hou-kuan</u>; being totally unworthy; conscious that my conduct merits death, and with doubled salutation; beg leave to submit a written report of an incident.
- 2 ... on i yu, of the twelfth month, Kuang ti hou ...
- 3 ...despatch, stating that on <u>chia shen</u>, soldiers of the <u>hou</u> on watch observed to the north-east, outside the defence lines
- 4 ...fires in four places, as large as wood piles used for signalling, at a distance of about an hundred <u>li</u> from the defence lines. T, Hsi, foolishly

Notes

- 4 团火SW团大IK 管火

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(Plate 11)

Introduction

The existence of watch-towers from which enemy movements over large areas of territory could be kept in view and signals clearly passed along the Han line of defences has been testified by both Stein and (1) Bergman .In addition, material evidence of the signal piles or torches that were used has been brought to light both at Tunhuang and further afield at Loulan, and literary evidence shows that torches or smoke were used to convey information by soldiers throughout the (3) Han period.

The importance of this activity at the sites of Tunhuang and Chilyen is illustrated by a number of strips which provide for the code of signals to be used and for the acquaintance of troops therewith. The system probably comprised the use of routine and emergency signals; routine exchanges were made at set times by or圣) or smoke (冷) during the day, and) at night. In cases of emergency, signal piles were lit to denote the presence of enemy raiders. On observation of a signal a unit was obliged to repeat it, thus acknowledging its receipt and conveying it to the next unit along the line; and a written log was made of the signals that were observed. There are a number of references to the equipment used in signalling. There can be little doubt that the nine fragments collected here were written by the same, somewhat distinctive, hand. They record the exchange of routine signals by several <u>sui</u>, and it is therefore likely that the original document was compiled at an <u>hou</u>. The particular unit cannot be identified, and in the absence of a complete strip, the form of the document cannot be reconstructed in full. If, as seems likely, no. 5 is the lower end of a strip, it is possible that the record was not made out according to a set form for single strips, and that the text was continued from one strip to another; nos. 1 and 2 have probably not been broken off at the head.

Unusual, and inidentified, terms for the hours are seen in nos.1,2,4 and 6. The interpretation of Fai as the ninth hour, that has been adopted elsewhere (MD 3 and TD 2) is unlikely in no.6, which records the observation of a day signal for that time.

更 ,which is read in nos.1,2,5 and 6,is taken variously in SW,Chia and LM as 使,史 or 爱; see TD 1 no.1 (note).

The term 旁基 which is seen in nos.3,4 and 7 is not understood with certainty. Fujieda (1) p.311 contrasts the terms大表 and 旁表, and suggests a possible distinction between main and supplementary flags. P'ang could possibly be descriptive of the shape, size or even

colour of the signals; the rendering "forked", which is highly tentative, is based on a meaning of the character that is given in the Erh-ya.

Other references to the observation or exchange of signals are seen in 13.2;28.1;170.4;225.21;428.6; Ch.84-87;Ch.694; and M 47.

The order in which these fragments are shown is arbitrary, but nos. 1 and 2, which refer to the same day, should precede no. 7.

A difficulty is presented in no.1. In its present state this records the observation of both daytime and night time signals without any differentiation of the hours. It will be noted that no.1 is composed of two fragments, but it is not clear from the photographs whether the junction of the two is made after the 13th or the 21st character of the inscription. If the break occurs after the 21st character, as seems probable, it cannot be taken as certain that the fragments have been joined together correctly as parts of the same strip.

1	126.40 536.4) 32	719	180	
2	33 2.5	25	1705	179	
3	349.27	38	1782	180	
4	349.14	88	1777	183	In SW, TP, LK as 439.14

5	536.3 349.29	88	1781	183		
6	332.13	25	1695	179		
7	349.11	38	1770	180	In SW.Chia	as 349.2

Notes:

- (1) See Serindia II,pp.571-4; Sommarström pp 85f.,306,340, 345f. For the subject of signalling see Chavannes (2) pp.xi-xiii; Wang (1) Shih II,15a et seq.; K'ao pp.34f.; Maspero pp.3f.; and Jujieda (1) pp.258f. and 310f.
- (2) Serindia II, pp. 650 and 678; Huang, Plat 27.

 Illustrations from these works are reproduced in Fujieda (1) pp. 259 and 262.
- (4) E.g., 14.11; 288.7; 305.15; Ch. 273; Ch. 432; M 42.
- (5) See Ch. 273, where the text reads: ... 北塞 豫章章 表 皆和畫南端亭... "Once the <u>sui</u> of the northern defence line hoist flags, all will acknowledge, as far as the <u>t'ing</u> at the southern extremity" (Chavannes

punctuates differently and reads 中 rather than 立論). A similar use of 本口 is seen in the Lieh-tzu, as cited by Graham (Asia Major, New Series, vol. VIII/part 2,p.178) 田王母為王龍王和之"Shiwangmuu sang for the King, who sang in reply" (tr. Graham); and in Sc VII, 69.

(6) E.g. flags, poles or torches; there are various references in MD 19; see also 127.24; 393.9A; and 506.1.

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一點莫隊長留人戊申日西中時受口屬隊場上表再到口場上世人三面

樂昌隊長已戊申日西中時受並山隊為上表再通夜人定時世火三通己西日西

·敷場上旁達一通

旁達一通夜食時

4

火一通人定時受傷上世

四午日下師時受居处養一通夜食時埃上首以一風居延首火

場上旁華一通同時付並山而辰日入時

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- l Lin-mo <u>sui</u>, OC Liu Jen, observed two flags from the tower manned by *-lu <u>sui</u> at * * hours on <u>wu shen;</u> ... three flares from the tower ...
- 2 Lo-ch'ang sui, OC Ssu, observed two flags from the tower manned by Ping-shan sui at * * hours on wu shen, and three flares at 12 hours; at ...hours on chi yu ...
- 3 ...despatch; one [forked ?] pennant from the tower ...
- 4 ...one [forked?] pennant; at [9?] hours ...
- 5 ...one flare; at 12 hours observed ...flare ffom the tower ...
- 6 ...observed one pennant from Chüyen at ...hours on ...wu; one flare from the [wall?] and ...[flare] from Chüyen at ...hours ...
- 7 ...one [forked?] pennant from the tower; passed to
 Ping-shan at the same time; at 10 hours on ping ch'en ...

Notes

- 5 觉 SW, Chia 使LK 發
- 6 🛮 LK •

UD 8 (Plate 34)

Introduction

In general the decrees that are mentioned in the Shih-chi and Han-shu are presented in an abbreviated or summarised form, and wooden fragments provide valuable information regarding the original form in which such documents were drawn up or promulgated. In UD 8, where the fragments are associated together thanks to a distinctively formal type of handwriting, distinctively long strips were used; in UD 9, and other examples which will be cited below, both the handwriting and the size of the stationery approximate more to those of normal administrative material. It is possible that two types of document are represented:

(a) A formal book, incorporating decrees dated from some considerable time in the past, and being circulated to administrative units as a formal record of the decrees of the Han emperors. Such documents would be expected to be made out by professional scribes of the central government, in a hand and style that was more expert and regular than that seen usually. UD 8, which includes parts of decrees of Wen ti, Ching ti and Wu ti, may be an example of such a book.

(b) Texts of current contemporary decrees, issued in the first instance by the authorities of the central government for implementation, and copied by lesser authorities during the course of promulgation. Such documents would be framed

in forms similar to those of administrative material rather than the formal books used for reference, and may be exemplified in the fragments cited below (see UD 9, Intro-17.577%, duction, for reasons why that document cannot be cited with certainty as a genuine exemple).

The distribution of decrees (記書) is evidenced in some of the fragments of mail registers seen here (e.g. TD 2 nos.5 and 6), and these could refer to documents of either of the types envisaged. In addition the text of 20.4, which was probably part of a label or caption of a document, suggests that decree books were held at units of the level of hou kuan. This fragment reads: 点水候官元康二年記書... "Book of decrees for the 2nd and 3rd years of yuan k'ang [64-63 B.C.] of the Chien-shui hou-kuan...

(4)

the decree itself can be evidenced from an early period.

Certain conventions can be discerned in the way in which the texts of Han decrees were written down. The columns of writing were usually started at a short interval from the head of the strip or stone tablet, so that special terms which merited honorific treatment could (5) be raised to a higher position; and often a space was left after the word chin | , as a mark of respect . But some of the wooden strips which bear the final part of these documents (i.e. that part concerned with promulgation or implementation) are written as normally, from the head of the strip.

Parts of the texts of decrees are seen in Mo-child; (7)
the strips found recently at Wu wei; in Ch.138-140 and 206;
M 113; and in the following fragments from Chüyen:

- 16.11 Regarding the circulation of the wu shu 五年 coin, 118 B.C.; see Swann p. 378; K'ao p. 21
- Regarding the removal to Tunhuang of the head of the king of Lou-lan, in 77 B.C.; see Hulsewe (1) p.7;

 K'ao p.23.
- 65.18 Dateable between X and 72 B.C.; see K'ao p.7
- 267.19 Regarding monetary compensation for casualties, during Hsuan ti's reign (73-49); see <u>K'ao</u> pp.13 and 24.
- 53,1 16-14 B.C.; this fragment refers to Wang Mang by title; see K'ao p.9.
- [7.2] As numbered by Su; dated in 12 B.C.

312.6 Dated 8 A.D.; see K'ao p. 22.

210.35 Dated 10 A.D.; see K'ao p.22.

95.5 Dated 15 A.D.

In addition the following strips have been assembled in by Oba (3) as a subject of a special study. Oba has used (8) these fragments to reconstruct a decree of 61 B.C.:

10.33;10.30;10.32;10.29;10.31;10.27;5.10; and 179.9. Oba also cites the following strips in connection with the promulgation or implementation of decrees: 209.6;18.5;157.24A;

334.48;11.9;267.25;203.22;61.9;238.36;214.33A (Oba (3) nos.

15-24). Finally, there are some fragments which may have formed part of a decree which are assembled here as UD 9.

The arrangement of the fragments of UD 8 must often remain arbitrary, but in some cases it is possible to relate the texts to references in the histories. Many of the conclusions given below have been reached independently by Oba.

Nos.(1) and (15) are probably concerned with the arrangements made for the issue of "tiger" and bemboo emblems to sendor officials in 178 B.C. According to the (9)

Shih-chi and Han-shu, the first distribution of these bedges of authority was dated in the ninth month of the second year of Wen ti (i.e.178 B.C.), but no mention is made in those texts to a preparatory decree. In commenting on the passage, Ying Shao (C.140-206) referred to bronze tiger tallies numbered from one to five, and the use of five shafts of bemboo for the emblems of the authorised messengers,

and it is likely that fragment no.(15) is concerned with the system of numbering the badges. The opening words of no.(1) are believed to be the end of a request for the establishment of "an ordinance for ...emblems", but no traces of such an ordinance have been found elsewhere.

A certain amount of difficulty is involved in the date of this fragment, which is read as = + 1 in SW, Chia and LK, but as = + 1 here and by Obs. There can be little doubt that 1 is correct (contrast in the same strip); and the day keng ch'en occurred in the seventh month of the second, but not the third year of Wen ti. For these reasons the date is taken here as the seventh month of the second year, i.e. 178 B.C.; and no difficulty need be caused by the delay of two months between the approval of the suggestion and its implementation as recorded in HS.

Nos.(2) and (3) can possibly be fitted together (13) as parts of the same strip. No decrees are recorded in SC X or HS IV for the year in question (175 B.C.); the latter (14) text however notes the abolition of the ban on coining money and the return to the coin of four shu, and it is possible that these measures were ordered by means of the usual memorial and approval, though no such details are furnished in HS XXIV 4a,b or in SC XXX,5.

No decree is recorded in HS IV, lla, b for the twelfth month of the third year of Wen ti (i.e. 177), and no. (4) can perhaps be dated in 154 (third year of Ching ti)

Nos.(5) and (6) can be identified as parts of a decree issued in 142 B.C., in encouragement of responsible behaviour on the part of officials. The full text is given in HS, and there are no textual variants with the (16) fragments, other than differences of "spelling". In the Han shu the two pieces of text are separated by 51 characters.

Similarly nos. (7) and (8) can be identified as parts of a decree issued in the eleventh month of 128, regarding the recruitment of suitable men for the official (17) service. The text is given in the Han-shu, and the following variants are seen between the two versions:

No.7 傳不云午 No.8 於 (18)	HS 夫
No. 8 5 (18)	HS F
No.8 長官	HS 官長
No.8 為因 点已	HS ALL AR

Lao Kan and Ch'en Chih regard the text of the strips as being more authentic than the transmitted text of the Han-shu.

The question of the length of the complete strips on which this decree book was written and the number of characters to each strip has been discussed by Lao Kan and Oba (see <u>K'ao</u> p.21 and Oba (3) p.25), and it has been suggested that there were originally 43 characters to each strip of 2.2 or 2.4 feet (Han). However, this suggestion is inconsistent and unacceptable, for various considerations;

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the general evidence of the fragments leads to a tentative view that the strips may have been made in lengths of about 2.2 feet; that a "margin" of one inch (Han) was usually left uninscribed at the head and foot of each strip; and in the examples before us some sixty characters were spaced regularly over the remaining length of the strip. This view is supported as follows:

- (1) Examples of the blank margin are seen in nos.4,6,8,11, 15 and, possibly, 20. (It is possible that the margin at the head may have been left so that terms of honour could be raised if necessary).
- (2) No.21, which is unfortunately broken at each end, measures 2 ffet.
- (3) No.11, which is broken at the head, measures 1.35 feet; this includes one inch, uninscribed, at the foot; 37 characters are written on a length of 1.25 feet. It thus appears that a strip with margins at each end, and with 43 characters written in the style of nos.5-8 or no.11 would have measured about 1.6 feet, rather than 2.2 or 2.4 feet.
- (4) The suggestion of a column length of 43 rests on the assumption that nos.7 and 8 form the lower ends of consecutive strips. Although the lower margin is clearly visible in no.8, the space following in no.7 need not necessarily be taken as such, and can be explained differently (see below). It is possible that nos.7 and 8 formed parts of one and the same strip, which carried some sixty characters

.1

2.3

and measured 2.2 or 2.3 feet as follows:

margin at head	uninscribed	feet •1
No.7	19 characters (16 in HS)	•65
intervening text	28 characters (as in HS)	•9
No.8	15 characters	• 55

HS gives 85 characters of text for the initial part of the

uninscribed

total 62 characters

passage, together with introductory formulae and phrases, was

decree preceding the text of no.7; it is possible that this

written on two strips.

margin at foot

(5) The decree represented in nos. 5 and 6 can be divided into sections as follows:

initial passage 88 characters (as in HS)

No.5 9 characters

intervening passage 51 characters (as in HS)

No.6 12 characters

total 160 characters

If it is assumed that the text of the decree is substantially as that given in HS, and that it was preceded by an introduction of some 20 characters, no. 6 can be taken as the tail end of the third strip on which the document was written; no. 5 would have appeared towards the end of the second strip.

(6) A blank space will be noticed between the 18th and 19th characters in no.11, being placed at .75 feet from the foot

of the strip. There is also a blank space discernible in no.10. It is believed that these spaces were left uninscribed owing to the presence of binding strings, and that the space following his in no.7 is to be explained on similar grounds. In the latter case the space would appear at about .75 feet from the head of the strip. If the strings were placed at intervals of one third of the length, as is the case with the shorter strips, the total length of the strips used here can be calculated at 3 times .75 i.e. 2.25 feet.

(7) If a length of 2.2 feet is assumed for no.11, there would have been space for about sixty characters.

The inclusion of no (9) in UD 8 is somewhat questionable, although at first sight there are obvious similarities with some of the other fragments. The handwriting could well be the same as in other mases, and the subject of no.9 is similarly concerned with the enactment of civil government, rather than routine matters of military administration. However, if a length of 2.2 feet is accepted for the fragments considered above, no. 9 can hardly be regarded as homogeneous, as it measures about 3 feet, incomplete as it is. There is also a further difference in the layout of the strip. Oba ((3) p.31) has made the brilliant suggestion that the strip is the second in a series of ten, on which a list of decrees was written; he explains such a list as a table of contents, presumably to a book of decrees which were entered in chronological order and duly enumerated from l to at least 52. The entries would have been read in/bands,

in numerical order.

This suggestion can probably be accepted, with
the modification that the table of contents belonged to
a book of Han Statutes or Ordinances rather
than decrees. It will be seen below that some of the entries
on the strip can be associated with recorded acts of
government; as these may have been prescribed by decree
initially and implemented by means of a statute or ordinance,
there is no a priori means of determining to which type of
document the entries refer. However, references to the use of
strips of three feet for legal documents lend some
support to the modification that is suggested. There is
however no direct evidence to show that Decrees, Statutes
or Ordinances were referred to by number.

Subject to difficulties of reading, the entries on no.(9) can be related to institutions or acts of government:

- No.2 The establishment of the <u>san lao</u> in the <u>hsien</u>, in 205 B.C. According to HS IA, 31a (HFHD I, pp. 74-5) this institution was introduced by ordinance.
- No.12 Unidentified.
- No.22 The establishment of the <u>hsieo ti</u> and <u>li t'ien</u>.

 HS III, 2a (HFHD I,p.193) records the initial establishment in 187. This is to be distinguished from an occasion in 192, when these individuals were to be treated with privileges (HS II, 5a; HFHD I,p.182) and from a decree of 168 (HS IV, 14b; HFHD I,p.254) which enjoined the correct appointment of these men.

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- No. 32 Oba reads the seventh character as it and associates this entry with the introduction of emblems in 178 (see UD 8 nos.l and 15). Alternately, if is accepted as the reading for the first character, the reference could be to one of the provisions regarding the conduct of judicial cases (Ching ti period; see HS XXIII 19a, b; Remnants pp. 343f.; Uchida pp. 68-9; and remarks on UD 8 no. (14) below).
- No.42 Unidentified. This possibly refers to a provision regarding the inspection of arms held by marquises instituted during the time of Wen ti or Ching ti.
- No.52 The arrangements for lenient detention for certain groups, for charitable reasons. An edict of 141 provided for the preparation of an ordinance to this effect (see HS XXIII 19a, b; Remnants p. 344; Uchida pp. 70-71)
- UDO Nos. (10-12) and (16) are parts of decrees which ordered the distribution of bounties or the exemption from obligations for needy or worthy sections of the population. As decrees of this nature were promulgated very frequently, and it is by no means certain that the full text is always accurately preserved in the Han-shu, the fragments cannot be identified more precisely. Some examples of such actions follow (these examples include cases in which HS does not specify that a decree was published):

B.C.	нѕ	HFHD
205 179 177 167 185 157 122 117 113 110 65 64 63 62 61 51	IA,31b IV,6b,7a 11b 14b 21a VI,13b 17b 18b,19a 26a VIII,12a 12b 14a 15b 16b 23a	I,p.75 236-7 247 255 271-2 II,p.59 70 74 89 229 231 234 238 240 260
etc.		

Some of the foregoing examples are cited in connection with these fragments by Lao Kan (K'ao pp. 12-13) and Oba (3) pp. 32f. Lao Kan points out that no. 11 must be dated before 8 B.C., as nei shih A were not established in the kingdoms after that year (see note to UD 8 no.11, below). The occurrence of the phrase 不時使人存間in the decree recorded for 179 might suggest the association of no.(10) therewith; Oba, however, shows that the details given in nos. ig(10ig) and ig(11ig) differ from those specified for 122,117 and 110, and that no.(11) cannot be identified with the decree of 179; he suggests an association with the decree of 205. There is a further possibility that nos.(10) and (11) should be associated with no.(13) and thus with the bounty that was given in 63. However, the inclusion of no. (13) in this series is by no means certain, in view of certain marks on the left side of the strip, and the date is considerably later than those of identified fragments. Oba does not include no. (13) in his study.

Finally, Oba suggests that nos. 16 and 12 should be fitted together to form a single fragment.

No.(14) is possibly part of a decree which regulated judicial prodedure, and the very similar phrase ... 各意所有 二十石官 "...[doubtful judicial cases]...are always to be submitted to the (official ranking at) two thousand picul under whom (the prefecture or march) resorts ..." (tr.Hulsewé) invites comparison. This passage occurs in a decree of 200; other decrees on the same subject were dated (21) in 145 and 143.

Obs suggests a connection between no.(18) and the decree of bounty of 205; and between no.(19) and the institution of emblems in 178.

The text of nos.(20) and (21) suggests that they should be considered together. The fragments consist of a list of names of civilians, whose homes lay in various 11 in the hsien of Fang-tzu (22); this name occurs among the hsien of Ch'ang-shan chin (22) Possibly the fragments derive from a list of individuals singled out for special treatment. No.(17) may be a fragment of the same (23) or a similar list.

(In the following list, the number assigned in Oba (3) is shown in the final column of figures).

						01) 0
1	[179.5]) 332.9)	96, 119	2550A,B	26	9	Given in TP,LK 96 as 119.5 332B;SW, Chia write 119.5, but 179.5 has been accepted in view of a further strip
೩	118.1	94	676	562	43	119.5 on TP 421.
3	117.43) 255.25)	94	675	26	44	In SW as 256.25
4	126.29	32	721	8	33	
5	349.9 349.22	38	1772	12	35	
6	306.18	42	1621	1.4	3 9	
7	126.30	32	713	8	29	
8	332.16	25	1723	7	30	In TP, LK as 332
G	5.3) 10.1 } 13.8 } 126.12 }	Norm divine	2551A, B, C	ende Eval	45	Shown on Plate 34 in two parts, with an overlap.
10	5.13	28	41	8	32	
11.	126.41) 332.23) 332.10)	74, 75	2547 A , B	22	41	In TP,LK as 126.10, 332.23,332.41.
12	306.22	42	1620	1.3	38	
13	74.19	26	468	565	alima asser	
14	1 26.31	32	711	8	34	
15	332.12	25	1716	168	31	
16*	124.17	74	698	579	40	
17*	349.15	88	1778	448	iro des	In TP as 346.25;in LK as 336.25
18*	349.2	38	1771	13	36	
19*	349.16	88	1775	375	42	In TP, LK as 439.16
20	349.17	38	1779	573	37	
21	12.2	495, 496	2555	477	9775 444 -	*Not shown on Plate 34

Notes:

- (1) The form of decrees is discussed in Wang (1) Shih II, la et seq.; K'ao pp.7-8; Remnants p. 383 note 184; Hulsewé (1) p.41; and Oba (3).
- (2) For similar texts see inscriptions nos.13 (dated 119 A.D.); nos.3 and 14 (220); and no.15 (222).
- (3) See HS XXIII, 14b (Wen ti period; Remnants p. 336) and SC LX passim (Wu ti period). (Walson I, p. 36b)
- (4) See SC VI,52 (213 B.C.); VI,71 (209 B.C.); and X,47 (157 B.C.)
- (5) I.e. references to the emperor or his actions; see UD 9 nos.l and 10, and inscription no.l; similarly the word 情心 is protruded to the head of the column in some of of the strips of decrees found at www. Mo-chi-tyu
- (6) E.g., UD 9 no.10; 206.5; 311.22; and Ch. 206; see also the Mo-childian strips from Wu wei. The convention is not observed in 185.2 or in UD 8 no.1.
- (7) See pp.27-28.
- (8) Oba (3) nos.1-8; Oba also includes 332.26, which is shown here as UD 9 no.10. For 10.30.see K(ao p.8; for 10.27 and 5.10 see K'ao p.12 and Mori (8) pp.84-5.
- (9) SC X,23; 知 Varson I, p.353; HS IV, 10b; HFHD I, p. 245.
- (10) No such ordinance is listed in Remnants pp. 42f.
- (11) See Oba (3) pp. 9 and 26. Chlen (4) also reads =.
- (12) Sic Hoang and Ch'en Yüan. According to Tung, where the enumeration of the months in the year is different, the reverse case took place.

- (13) Comments appended to the transcriptions in LK (nos.1943 and 1949) should probably be interpreted as relating to these two fragments and not to LK nos. 1841 and 1847 as stated.
- (14) HS IV, 12b; HFHD I, p. 250.
- (15) HS V,4a; HFHD I,p. 313. There is some difficulty in reconciling the terms of this decree with the entry for the marquisate in HS XVI,43b.
- (16) HS V,9b;HFHD I p.328.The text is not carried in SC XI.
 Where HS reads and 人 , the strips read and 作 .
- (17) HS VI,8a,b; HFHD II,pp.45-6. The fragments are discussed in K'ao pp.20-21; Remnants pp.312-3, where reference is made to an early article on the subject by Lao Kan; Ch'en (2) p.13; and Oba (3) pp.24-5.
- (18) f = f is also seen in an abbreviated form of the decree that is given in TCTC XVIII, 10a.
- (19) See *ntroduction p. 117.
- (20) For a list of Statutes and Ordinances by their title, see Remnants pp.32f.; ordinances entitled in the series 早乙,內 are shown on pp.42-3.0n the subject of 10.28 which is the text of 大學 如 , Hulsewe writes (Remnants p.47): 'It should be noted that this is one of the cases where an ordinance evidently contained numbered articles, as the strip in question bears the title "Ordinances on essential points for the Northern Borders, No.4" '. A similar example may be seen in MD 6 nos.18-20, which give the text of

功令第世五 (see Remnants p.43).

- (21) See HS XXIII, 19a; Remnants pp. 343-4; Uchida pp. 68-9; and HS V, 8b; HFHD I, p. 326.
- (22) HS XXVIII A2,55a.
- (23) Hsiang-kuo 裏 国 is shown as one of the administrative units in the kingdom of Chao声 ;HS XXVIII B2,14b.

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: 符令制日可考文皇帝二年人月度辰下月六十六字

··· 孝文皇帝五年

十一月五寅下月世八字

前三年十二月年已下月九十一字

害强毋攘弱家毋暴寡老

甚無謂也其今一不名格其

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幾成風紹休聖緒傳不云乎十室之邑必有忠信

子雅於上聞也二十石長官 網紀人倫

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ロロロロナイ

縣置三老二

郡與謁列侯兵世二

年八十及公未需領數系五十二

置考第力田廿二

獻吏二千石以口世二

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::月存視其家賜月世十酒二石長尊寵郡大宇 諸侯相內史所明川

酒一石丞致联旦 時使人問存口

智也不奉部當以不敬論不知

:十戶一人復身冊有所與,身不當事

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···元·康三年二月甲子朔己

…口微屬於二千石

口口其一家一

相長若亞常以 襄國東楚里:

···市七符及折

房子承里公乘廣

房子周里簪裏堪

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UD 8 Translation

- approval. Promulgated on <u>keng ch'en</u>, in the seventh month, second year of the emperor Hsiao Wen; in all sixty-six words.

 [7th August 178 B.C.]
- 2 ...fifth year of the emperor Hsiao Wen ... [175 B.C.]
- 3 ... promulgated on jen ying, in the eleventh month ... in all thirty-eight words. ...
- 4 ...promulgated on <u>hsin ssu</u>, in the twelfth month, third year of the early period; in all ninety-one words. ...

 [3rd February 154 ?]
- 5 ...injury, the strong should not oppress the weak, the many should not do violence to the few. The aged ...
- 6 ...in a manner that is highly improper. Let the officials who rank at 2000 shih be ordered to reform ...
- 7 ...in the hope of forming a custom, and providing an heritage of delight for our holy succession. Is is not stated in the tradition: "Even in a settlement of ten houses there will certainly be trustworthy and sincere ...
- 8 ...men of quality are prevented from submitting their opinions to the emperor.Offichals who rank at 2000 shih and the senior offices discipline and regulate human relationships...
- 9 The establishment of the san lao in the hsien, no. 2.
 ...no. 12. The establishment of the hsiao ti and the li
 t'ien, no. 22. Judicial officials and officials of 2000
 shih ..., no. 32. [Arrangements in the chun for the

- inspection of arms held by marquises ?],no.42.

 Lenient detention for those aged eighty years, pregnant women and [dwarfs?],no.52.
- of the <u>hsien</u>]. We are further intending to send messengers in due season to enquire after the well-being ...
- 11 ...month, to make enquiry and visit their houses, and to present 40 chin of meat and 2 shih of wine to senior, honoured and favoured persons. This is clearly understood by the t'ai shou of the chin, and the hsiang and the nei shih who serve the marquises. Failure to observe the decree warrants a trial on a charge of a lack of respect. Ignorance ...
- 12 ...one man in every [ten?] households shall be exempted from personal obligations, shall have no contributions to make and shall not be liable for service ...
- was chia tzu) of the third year of ytan k'ang ... [63 B.C.]
- 14 ...cases of justice, the appropriate officials of 2000 shih ...
- 15 ...beginning from no.1; for the <u>t'ai-shou</u>, beginning from no.5; in the case of messengers, the tallies are fitted together ...
- 16 ...their houses. One ...
- 17 ... Tung-lu [li?], Hsiang kuo, ...

- 18 ... the hsiang, the ch'ang or the ch'eng shall regularly ...
- 19 ... in the markets without passes, and with broken ...
- 20 Fang-tzu [hsien] ...
- 21 ...K'an, of Chou <u>li</u>, Fang-tzu [<u>hsien</u>], order of <u>tsan niao</u>;

 Kuang, of [Ch'eng?] <u>li</u>, Fang-tzu [<u>hsien</u>], order of

 <u>kung ch'eng</u>. ...

Notes

- 1 = SW, Chia, LK =
 - X SW, Chia, LK +
 - 特

 SW, Chia, LK
- 5 害 SW,Chia 🛭
- The passage cited in this fragment is seen in the <u>Hun yu</u> V, xxvii (J. Legge, The Chinese classics, vol. 1, Oxford 1893, p.183)
- Dubs (HFHD II,pp.46-7) renders this passage "...so that superior men who have piled up their [meritorious] actions are blocked from being reported to the emperor. ..."
- 9 口口口口Chia, Oba口口與八; this reading is questioned in Ch'en (3).

狱 Chia, Ōba 燈太

口 Ōba 符

及孕 Chia 予 口 Ch'en (3) 及口

未需 Oba朱需 (cf.HS XXIII,19a 朱/寫) For the meaning of this expression see Remnants p.404, note 272.

製 Chia 口

10 For the meaning of 多致 see HS IV,7a,as cited in Ōba (3) p.34.

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Equivalents for the units of measurement that are seen here and in no.11 are given in Grain measurement, pp. 65-6.

11其家sw,LK具最 Chia無最

月世 sw, LK 月世 Chia 月(內) 世

 $= \overline{A}$ Oba $-\overline{A}$ (see Oba (3) p.32)

長 Oba []

This strip is translated in <u>Remnants</u> p.188, on the basis of transcriptions published before photographs were available.

A difficulty is presented by nei shin 內史, as these officials served the kings (i.e. chu hou wang 結俟王), and not the marquises (i.e. chu hou 結俟 or ch'e hou 版樣); see HS XIXA, 26a, b.

12 十月 SW, LK, Obs 4月 Ohia 制 日

15 并 SW, Chia, LK 符

口 sw, Chia 為

16 家 SW, Chia, LK 最

17整版

里 SW, Chia, LK 口

18 LK omits

The three officials who are named cannot be identified for certain. Probably the <u>hsiang</u> (if this is not qualified) refers to the official serving the marquises; the ch'ang

to the senior officials in small <u>hsien</u>; and the <u>ch'eng</u> to their assistants (see HS XIXA, 26a, 29a, b).

19七sw 毋 群sw, Chia, L,K, Ōba 符

21 日 SW, Chia, LK 日月日

承SW石 Chia, LK 不 Chen (4) 成

UD 9 (Plate 12)

Introduction

These fragments are associated together in view of the similarity of the subject matter and handwriting. In addition, as far as can be seen, the strips are used in the characteristic way associated with imperial decrees, i.e. a margin is left at the head, so that special terms can be provided to a more honourable position (see UD-8 Introduction). The possibility that the fragments derive from parts of a decree is supported by the text of no.1. In addition, no.9 includes phrases that are used in memorials presented to the throne, and no.10 carries the three words of a decree (1) proper. However, as will be seen below, there are certain difficulties regarding the includion of no.9; and no.10 (2) may be part of an entirely different set of documents.

車馬州軍, a post which was not established regularly throughout the Han period; in addition to earlier incumbents, HS XIXB (35a et seq.) records the names of officers holding this position in 61;56-53;49-43;43-41;41-30;22-15 etc. Usually the title was combined with that of ta-ssu-me 大司馬, and it was doubtless in such a capacity that an individual was responsible for the promulgation of decrees, as stated in no.1.

The exact nature of the document must probably remain problematical, and it will not be possible to identify the particular decree concerned. Lao Kan considers some of the fragments (K'ao pp.23-24) and suggests that a decree of 49 or a little later was involved. The fragments may derive from a resume of the relations existing between the Han and other powers, and the propagandist flavour of no.3 may well reflect a deterioration of a state of friendship or a justification for a rupture of relations. It is not impossible that the document may be concerned with the campaign which led to the death of Chih-chih in 36. According to the Han-shu's account in the absence of authority from the central government to prosecute the campaign, an officer serving in a local task force forged the documents that were needed to mobilise forces from elsewhere .in this connection the evidence of no.9 may be of crucial importance. It has been suggested that whoreas the self-derogatory phrases that occur in that fragment

were in use by the Hou Han period, there is little evidence to show that they were current before the time of wang Mang. Excessive importance must not be placed in this suggestion, and the association of no.9 with the other fragments is by no means proved. However, if these two possibilities are accepted:

- (1) There is reason to doubt whether the fragments can be dated at a time that was contemporary with the events to which they refer.
- (2) The fragments could derive from a much later document, genuively compiled to justify Han diplomatic or military action and recalling earlier stages in foreign relations. No.1 is hardly consistent with such a possibility.
- (3) The document of which these fragments are a copy could possibly derive from the first half of the first century deliberately dusted.

 A.D., having been made to support the action of Ch'en T'ang in 36 B.C., and having been recognised and branded as a forgery by Pan Ku.

There is some considerable difference between the form of these fragments and those of a formal decree book (cf.UD 8). Their presence at Chüyen leads to the supposition that they are parts of a decree issued for local implementation, and the subject matter suggests a decree which envisaged military activity; in these circumstances the association with the events of 36 B.C. remains not unlikely.

It is possible that no.2 may follow directly after no.1, and this arrangement has been adopted in the translation. Nos.5 and 6 are shown fitted together as one piece in Chia, and it is likely that no.7 should be joined thereto to form a complete strip. There is at least one other fragment, 346.18, which may possibly be associated with UD 9.

1	562.27 387.19	}	42	1803	13
2	562.4		88	2361	13
3	387.7 564.15	}	42	1801	14
4	387.24 387.25	}	42	1804	14
5	387.17		42	1800	13
6	407.14		42	1800	13
7	387.16		42	1808	13
8	387.1		42	1793	14
9	407.4 387.22	}	42	1811	14
10	332.26		42	1721	13

Notes:

- p. 553
- (1) See UD 8 introduction for the component parts of decrees.
- (2) Oba (3) pp.2-24 associated this with strips which record a decree dated in 61 B.C.
- (3) See HFHD II pp.190f. and 279f.; Dubs pp.5f.; HS VIII, 21b et seq. (HFHD II pp.256f.); IX, lla, b (HFHD II p.331); LXX, 5a et seq.; and XCIVB, la et seq.

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- (4) See HS XCVIB,8a to 9b; Hst Sung / 本次 (c.1800; his comments are cited in the notes to HS) dates his establishment in 53 and his death in about 32.
- (5) Cf.advice rendered to the throne by Chao Ch'ung-kuo 趙充國in 63 B.C. (HS LXIX, 2a et seg.)
- (6) The act of forgery is stated in HS IX, 11b (HFHD II p. 331) and HS LXX, 8a, 10b and 11a; see Dubs p. 9.
- (7) See Entroduction pp. 1986.

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UD 9 Translation

- His imperial majesty. A decree was promulgated by the general of cavalry, stating that Wu-chiu-t'u, Lesser K'un-mi of Wu-sun, together with Hu-han, Shan-yü of the Hsiung nu, planning ...
- 3 ...the barbarian peoples, being avaricious, having no cognisance of the humanities and harbouring insincerity, requested with deception
- 4 taking Chih-chih as his name; not appraised of that change
- 5 outside the defences ... Hu-han the Shan-yu ; hither and
- 7 thither [attacking?] Piao-shih and Lo-
- 8 ... the Lesser Yüch-chih, relying on the Ch'iang people
- 9 ...in my foolish stupidity, with heedless words and forgetful speech, prostrate my head on the ground
- 10 A decree was made stating approval.

Notes

3体球块

為 SW Chia LK 編

5 97 IK JL

言指節某 meaning not understood.

7 维来LK 來准

技 SW Chia LK 奖

Phao-shih and Lo-kuan if are the names of <u>hsien</u> in Chiu-ch'uan commandery (see Map 1 nos. 25 and 26)

8 AP SW Chia LK ASP

TD 1 and 2 (Plates 13 and 14)
Introduction

These are fragments of registers of mail handled at TD during transit to further destinations. The registers are very similar to those found at MD (MD 2 and MD 3) in so far as particulars of the same type are entered, i.e. date of handling, direction and number of documents, destination of each piece of mail, and a record of the time of delivery and the persons responsible for conveyance in the course of relay from post to post. A particular feature of these fragments is seen in the method of dating that is used and the lay-out of the heading, whereby the date is written in one column and the description of the documents in another. In the headings of TD 2 the date is designated by number. but the terms of the cycle are used when the circumstances of delivery are being recorded. No date is mentioned in the headings of TD l; elsewhere the number of the day is checked by the cyclical term.

There is a difference in the layout of the two documents. TD 2 divides into three bands, with spaces for the two binding strings, and the columns of each band are read consecutively in the normal way (see Introduction μ . b7k.) In TD 1, although there is a clear space for a lower binding

string in no.2, the spacing of the characters on the corresponding part of no.1 is less certain; moreover the text is read in two, and not three parts, (a) Heading (both columns) and (b) Remainder, in consecutive columns (cf. the method of reading the columns in X 1). In TD 2, the entries in the second and third bands are always written in two or more columns, except for nos.2 and 12; in these instances it was probable that only one document was being handled, and it was therefore not necessary to the second fund split into columns. It is possible that nos.2 and 12 are parts of the same strip.

The close similarity of form and content of these two documents, together with references to units of the same name and in the same topographical relation—ship, make it likely that TD 1 and TD 2 should be dated fairly closely to each other. The dates mentioned in the fragments will fit the following years of the reconstructed (2) calendar:

TD 1 nos.1,2		64	33	7 B.C.	25	92 A.D.
TD 2 nos. 5,7	98	68		5	ଧର 27	94
TD 2 no.1				4	23	90
TD 2 no.3	98	67		7 6 5	22 27	91 95

(3)					TD	1,2
TD 2 no.6	98	68 67 66		5 B.C.	22 27	94 A.D. 95
TD % no.9	98	66	33	7 6	22 25	93 95
TD 2 no.10	98	68 66	33	7 6 5	22 25 27 28	92 95

It cannot necessarily be assumed that all the fragments of TD 2 were written in the same calendar year; the most likely of the foregoing dates for the two documents are (a) 7-4 B.C.; (b) 22-25 A.D.; or (c) 90-95 A.D. Of these three possibilities, the first is perhaps less likely than (4) the others, in view of the method used to denote dates. Similarity with MD 2 and MD 3 perhaps supports 22-25 A.D., but the same reservation must be made in respect of the place-names that are mentioned (see MD 2,3 Introduction). The very similar wording that is seen in X 1 (dated 89-98) possibly supports 90-95.

Many of these strips, together with those shown in MD \gtrsim and MD 3 above, are cited in K'ao pp.31-33, in connection with the situation of some of the units and place-names that are mentioned. However, insufficient attention is paid there to discrimination between the sites where the various strips were found, possibly because such information was not available to the author. In a recent article

Mori has cited TD 1 no. 2 as evidence for believing that the tu-wei-fu of Chien-shui was situated at TD. This view however is incorrect, as the piece in question should not be regarded as pretared an external address label (as is done by Mori), but as part of a register of mail in transit. For this reason, both the strips of TD 1 (as well as several in TD 2) show that the tu-wei-fu of Chien-shui was on the contrary situated to the south of TD. TD 2 no. 8 shows that Ohien-shui itself lay to the north of TD.

TD 2 no.5 gives some idea of the time needed for the desistch of mail. Unfortunately the means of conveyance are not stated, but it can be seen that it took nine days for mail to reach TD from the tu-wei-fu of Chien-shui; seventeen days, from the t'ai-shou of Changi (possibly situated in Li-te <u>hsien</u>); and forty-eight or fifty-one days from the t'ai_shou of Hotung (modern Shansi 山西. The office of the t'ai-shou was probably situated in the hsien of An-i 安邑.)

The terms used here to denote the hours vary from those given in \underline{K} 'ao, and have been tentatively interpreted as follows:

TD 1 no.1 日食单 and 日東中;5th and 6th hours.
2日蚕食 and 日食時;both used for the fifth hour.

TD z no.1 西中, ;7th hour.

nos.7,8下铺;9th hour.
no.5 夜昏;11th hour.

TD 2 nos. 9,10 昏 時 ;11th hour.

Of the posts or units whose soldiers carried the mail, Hsing pei lay to the north, and HBing ma, P'o lu and Pu * to the south of Sha t'ou.

There are a few other fragments of mail registers found at TD which are of a different form from those of TD 1 and TD 2. These fragments are: 19.22;495.6B;502.1; 505.19;505.23;505.39;506.19 and 513.4.

Random writing is seen on the reverse sided of TD 2 nos.1 and 5. TD 2 nos.6,8 and 9 can be identified as parts of registers of northbound, nos. lo and 13 of southbound mail.

		$\mathbf{T}\mathbf{D}$	1		
1	506.6	75	1992	124	
z	505.2	7 6	1951	124	In SW, TP, LK as 504.2
		TD	ટ		
1	495.3	376	1918A	154	In SW, TP, LK as 187.23A
Z	505.31	77	1975	124	
3	503.3	87	1922	126	
4	506.4	87	1990	126	
5	505.2%) 50%.9)	86	1914A	125	502.9 is not listed in TP,SW,LK
6	495.2	92	1917	127	

7	506.17	75	2007	124	In SW as 506.1
8	506.16	75	1999	124	
9	505.6	76	1955	124	
10	495.28) 495.13)	98	1874	126-7	495.13 is not listed in TP, SW, LK
11	495.15	92	1875	127	
18	495.19	92	1867	127	
13	495.21	92	1891	127	

Notes:

- (1) TD 2 no.11 may be exceptional, but the reading is far from clear.
- (2) For TD 2 nos.1,3,6,9 and 10, the table shows only those years which are close to the dates that are possible for TD 1 nos.1,2 and TD 2 nos.5 and 7.
- (3) Reading i mao Zyp; if ting mao Typ is read (as in SW Chia and LK) the following years will fit: 88,78,52,16 B.C.; 6,11,42 and 73 A.D.
- (4) See <u>Notes</u> pp. 308f.
- (5) Further support for 90-95 is possibly provided by the place-name Sha t'ou (TD l nos.1,2; and TD 2 nos.1,5 etc.). HHS (tr.) XXIII A,39a gives this as the name of a hsien; for the Ch'ien Han period,HS XXVIII B 1,17b gives the name as Ch'ih-t'ou 三也 項
- (6) Mori (8).

南書一輩一對潘和尉印

部肩水都尉府 部肩水都尉府

日東中六分沙頭台宁本宣付縣馬卒同八月廿三日庚申日食坐五分沙頭亭長受縣北平音

日食時二分沙與卒宣付縣馬卒同 ·六月廿四日幸西日圣食時沙野草長受野北部音

TD 1 Translation

- l One southbound letter, with the seal of the wei, P'an-ho, for the tu-wei-fu, Chien-shui. Received by the OC Sha-t'ou t'ing, at [5?]/5 hours, on keng shen, the twenty-third day of the sixth month, from private Yin, Hsing-pei [sui]; handed by private Hsüan, Sha-t'pu t'ing, to private T'ung, Hsing-ma [sui], at 6/6 hours.
- 2 One southbound letter, [with the seal of] the hou, Chien—[shui], Changi, for the tu-wei-fu, Chien-shui. Received by the OC Sha-t'ou t'ing, at 5 hours, on hsin yu, the twenty-fourth day of the sixth month, from private Yin, Hsing-pei [sui]; handed by private Hsüan, Sha-t'ou t'ing, to private T'ung, Hsing-ma [sui], at 5/2 hours.

Notes

- 1 油 和 i.e. 十二 ,a hsien in Changi chün (Map 1 no.22). This lay to the south of Chien—shui, and the letter was presumably written by the wei when absent on travel.
 - 載 SW, Chia, LK 章; for the use of this character to enumerate parties of travellers, see HS LXX, 7a 漢畫使三辈至康居 see also 503.8.503.17.
 - The character t, which is seen in TD 1 nos.1 and 22, and TD 2 nos.1,5,7,9,10 and 12 is usually read to TW, Chia and LK (In TD 1 no.1, LK reads to TD 1 and TD 2 below). However, it is clear from other registers of mail which are formulated in very

similar terms

similar terms (i.e. MD 2, MD 3, X 1) that the character should be taken as an abbreviation for . This suggestion is supported by the appearance of the in UD 7 nos.1,2,5 and 6 (in connection with the receipt of signals) and MD 12 no.5 (receipt of salary). There are also a number of individual strips in which the abbreviation is seen (e.g. 37.21; 142.35;188.3;188.21,194.11;203.2;214.125;225.21; 495.6B and Huang no.19); and the appears as the W2 lower part of the complete character in W2 no.23 and 10.12.

付縣 LK 付票 治 角僕 presumably short for 角水候; see TD 2 no.3. 音 Chia 言

一封之是他塞計皆

始詣張掖太守府

+月書二對詣四十一月十八日 一封張掖肩僕指角水府一封諸角水府七月两午起

七月三日 北書之封

二封河東大守音上皆詣居延都尉(封十月十二月乙卯日入時卒憲受否至五十五月八月起皆龍居延都尉府十二月乙卯日入時卒憲受否至五其三封皆張叛大守章二部里三封書一封皆十一月两年起部書一封七月甲辰起 甲子起八十月丁卯起一封府君章皆肩水 夜昏時沙頭卒忠付縣北平護 十二月乙卯日入時卒寒受子口卒恭 5

十二月十二日

二封張极大守書二封部口十二月己卯起 一封十二月十已起四封皆府君章其三

4

2

同西中二分四年同付破唐车口

九月两辰口時沙頸卒昌愛···

中書一封日

張按大守府十二月乙丑起張按居延都尉指

十二月丁丑日言了平口一受口 下餔時囚

四計

二封智福府水一封指居延都尉三月下衛時沙頭在忠付縣北年朝

村皆四月口寅起

封居延都日扇水府五月甲午起 部角水府

> 昏時沙頭卒忠付野北卒護 三月甲子日入時本憲受不口口史白安

首時縣馬车良受沙弱,车同日 時良付不口卒些豆

南書二卦

日入時受口口卒口付 沙頭口時

時縣馬本憲付不口本共口

13

12

10

8

TD 2 Translation

- Ninth day, ninth month; two southbound letters, [with the seal of] the <u>tu-wei</u> Chüyen, both for the <u>t'ai-shou-fu</u>, Changi.Received by private Ch'ang, Sha-t'ou [<u>sui</u>], at * hours, on <u>ping ch'en</u>, ninth month:...; handed by private T'ung ... to private *, P'o-lu [<u>sui</u>], at [7?]/2 hours on the same day.
- 2 Fifteenth day, tenth month; one southbound letter, [with the seal of] the sai-wei, T'o-t'o, for ...
- 3 ...six southbound letters; one for the [tu-wei]-fu, Chien-shui, originated on ping wu, eleventh month; one from the hou, Chien-[shui], Changi, for the [tu-wei]-fu Chien-shui ...
- 4 Eighteenth day, eleventh month; two southbound letters for ...
- 5 Third day, twelfth month; seven northbound documents, including:-

two letters, both with the seal of the <u>f'ai</u>-shou, Changi, and one decree; of these one letter and one ...were originated on <u>wu hst</u>, eleventh month; all these were for the tu-wei-fu, Chüyen;

two letters with the seal of the <u>t'ai_shou</u>, Hotung, both for the <u>tu_wei</u>, Chüyen; one of these was originated on <u>chia tzu</u>, tenth month and one on <u>ting meo</u>, tenth month:

one letter with the seal of the OC [Chien_shui tu_wei]—fu, for Chien_shui, originated on ping wu, eleventh month; one decree, originated on chis ch'en, eleventh month.

Received by private Hsien at 10 hours, on i meo, twelfth month, from private Kung, Pu-* [sui]; handed by private Chung, Sha-t'ou [sui] to private Hu, Hsing_pei [sui], at 11 hours.

- of the t'si-shou, Changi ...decree, originated on i mao, twelfth month ...one letter, originated on ting ssu, twelfth month; four letters, all with the seal of the OC [Chien-shui tu-wei]-fu , of which three ...
- Twenty-fifth day, twelfth month; one southbound letter

 [with the seal of] the <u>tu-wei</u>, Chüyen, Changi, for the <u>t'ai-shou-fu</u>, Changi; originated on <u>i ch'ou</u>, twelfth month:

 Received by private *, ... <u>t'ing</u>, on <u>ting ch'ou</u>, twelfth month ... 9 hours.
- 8 ... two letters [both ?] for Chien-shui, one letter for the <u>tu-wei</u>, Chdyen ... twelfth month...handed by private Chung, Sha-t'ou [<u>sui</u>] to private Ch'ao, Hsing-pei [sui] at 9 hours ...
- 9 ...one letter ...fu,both ...originated on ...yin,...
 month.Received by private Hsien,from ...shih Yen,
 Pu-* [sui] at 10 hours,on chia tzu, second month;
 handed by private Chung, Sha-t'ou [sui], to private
 Hu, Hsing-pei [sui] at 11 hours.

- 10 ...letter...Chdyen tu-...for the [tu-wei]-fu,
 Chien-shui, originated on chia wu, fifth month ...
 for the [tu-wei]-fu, hien-shui.Received by private
 Liang, Hsing-ma [sui], from private T'ung, Sha-t'ou
 [sui] at ll hours; handed by private Liang to
 private Feng, Pu-* [sui] at ... hours.
- 11 ...two southbound letters...
- 12 ...originated on <u>chia yin. Received from private *,</u>
 ... [<u>sui</u>] at 10 hours; handed to ... Sha-t'ou [<u>sui</u>]
 ...hours.
- ...handed by private Hsien, Hsing-ma [sui], to private Kung, Pu-* [sui] at ...hours.

Notes

- 1 口時 SW, Chia 口口時工版 食時 昌妥 SW, Chia 良付 工版 昌口口
- 2 十月 LK 七月 言旨 SW, Chia, LK 口
- 3 六卦 SW, Chia, LK 五卦 角水府 SW, LK ... 角水俟 Chia 角水角 一卦張掖侔 SW 一卦 ప强掖脩俟 LK 一卦 張角盾俟
- 4 指口 SW 皆亟送萧蒙 Chia 皆呈送萧蒙· LK 旨並口萧蒙
- 5 其一對皆SW,LK 口二對Chia 口二對皆章 SW,LK 廈 認 SW,LK 口

書一卦sw,IK 一卦

十一月戊戌 SW,LK 十二月戊戌 大守章 SW,LK 太守丞 居产都晨 SW,LK add 府 一十月LK omits 一

君 is used here and in no.6, perhaps honorifically, with reference to the senior officer of the post to which the writer's unit was subordinated.

受牙口 SW,Chia,LK 父 不与 .The unit 孑口 is also seen in nos.9,10 and 13.For other <u>sui</u> named <u>pu-...,see K'ao</u> p.39.

Although the text of this strip is reasonably clear, there are difficulties of interpretation in respect of the right hand columns of the lower two bands. Despite the different arrangement that may be implied in LK, it seems best to read the strip in the usual way, i.e. the four columns of the middle band. followed by the three in the lowest band. However, shih + , which appears as the last character of the right hand column of the middle band, should probably be taken with the words i yuleh - β (first characters of the right hand column, lowest band), as there can be no question of mail, which was handled in the twelfth month, being originated in the first month. It is possible that the displacement of shih is to be explained as an omission, later rectified by the clerk. The characters preceding shih are somewhat difficult to explain,

to the form used elsewhere on the strip. It is quite possible that the clerk was muddled by the large amount of detail to be recorded, and that some of the characters are incorrect. The general meaning of this part of the strip is believed to be as rendered. There is possibly a further case of error, in the fourth column of the middle band where 一十月 should more correctly be 一圭十月 這口 SW, Chia 記書 w, Chia, LK 復) 乙卯 SW, Chia, LK 丁卯 回(second band, second olumn) SW, Chia 封口口口口 南書 SW, Chia, LK 口書 当 LK 包 乙丑起SW, Chia, LK 乙丑言已 丁丑日亭卒口受口 SW, Chia, LK 丁丑口會口卒忠口口 当 SW, Chia, LK 言 →弱 SW, Chia, LK 口部 朝城 朔 府皆四月口寅起 SW, Chia府記一致廣地墨廣地 LK 府記口口口進地 卒憲受不口口史暴 SW, Chia 卒憲使不口小史晏 118 不意火出小史暴

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and it is not possible to fit this part of the text

10 SW, LK read /一圭 initially (Chia omits/)

□ SW, Chia, LK 层 言旨

E SW, Chia, LK E (also in 13 below)

馬辛 SW, Chia, LK 馬睪 (also in 13 below)

什不口 SW, Chia 什不气K 付口

11 日 SW, Chia 口月己西域月己 西

18 爱口口卒口付SW, Chia, LK 使來卒同什

沙頭四聯W, Chia 沙頭卒同口口時以沙頭卒日口時

13 憲母 to恭 SW, Chia 實付介令卒若LK 口時不口车若

TD 3 (Plate 35)

Introduction

The record which is represented here includes certain features which are seldom seen elsewhere and which give some indication of the methods whereby administrative ledgers were compiled. The fragments can be identified as parts of a list of items of clothing which were issued to fieldsmen. The men are described with the usual details of identification, i.e. place of origin, order of aristocratic rank, name and age. Nos. 1-9, and probably no. 10, concern men whose homes were in Huai-yang chun; nos. 11-19, and probably nos. 20-21, men who came from Ch'ang-i kuo. The headings of the strips, i.e. the names and descriptive details of the fieldsmen, were probably written by the same hand for both categories of men. In other respects there are conspicuous differences between nos. 1-10 and nos. 11-21. (a) The layout varies: in nos.1-9 the entries for the items of clothing were inserted immediately below the space for the upper binding string; in nos.11-21 those entries start after the lower binding string. (b) In general, different sets of clothing were issued in the two cases, though there are further variations. It cannot be stated for certain whether the same hand wrote the individual entries for the garments on both nos. 1-9 and nos. 11-21. It is probable that these entries were not written by the scribe who wrote the headings. (c) Different types of

check marks are seen at the foot of the strips; a vertical line is seen in nos.1-10; a sign shaped like a capital P appears on nos.12-20.

(1)These strips can be interpreted in several ways. The most probable explanation is that they are records of clothing issued at Taralingin durbeljin to men who had newly arrived as conscripts from within China, and who had been detailed for duties as tien tsu 田 卒 i.e. fieldsmen. Probably a nominal roll was made of the men, shortly after their arrival, and they were then sent to draw the equipment that they would need in their newly acquired tasks. Precise of the items of clothing with which they were issued were thereupon inserted on the nominal roll, presumably at the stores from which the goods were issued. These details may have been written by the official who was in charge of the store rather than by the clerk who made out the nominal roll. Finally, the men to whom the stores had been issued were required to acknowledge their receipt; and as, in all probability, they were illiterate, they were ordered to make simple conventional signs, to act as evidence that the goods had been received.

Fujieda (1) p.286 regards the difference in the sets of equipment issued as a possible reason for believing that the clothing was supplied by the different authoritries of Huai yang and Ch'ang i. However, it is more likely that

the goods were issued at Chüyen. In the first place, identical kits were not issued to all the men , either of Huai-yang or Ch'ang-i. Moreover the authorities in the home commanderies could hardly know to what part of the service their men would be detailed, or whether they should be equipped as guardsmen or fieldsmen. Finally, there is reason to believe that large stores of clothing were present in the north west, and these were presumably intended for the equipment (3) of troops on the spot. The difference in the sets of equipment issued to the men of Huai-yang and Ch'ang-i can be simply accounted for by differences of circumstance, e.g. season, availability of certain supplies, etc.

It can be imagined that these strips are fragments of records which were made out on two separate pocasions fairly close to each other in time. In the first instance (nos.1-10) a new batch of recruits had arrived from Huai yang; for some reason the clothes were not accepted personally by the men, and an officer called Kuan Tsan usually took receipt of the stores on their behalf; this fact was duly entered in the ledger, and a vertical mark was made by the fieldsman, or by Kuan Tsan, to show his acknowledgement of the transaction. It will be noticed that in the case of no.3 the fieldsman accepted the clothes personally, and no vertical mark appears on the strip. On the second occasion, when the draft from Ch'ang-i kuo arrived, a different storeman may have been on duty; or a new ledger may have been statted.

The items of clothing were entered on the ledger at a slightly different position, and the men were apparently available to take possession of their equipment in person.

The storeman asked them to "sign" by making the characteristic mark used for checking which is seen in other examples.

Small circular marks are seen on nos.1-3,12 and 19, and these can be compared with a larger circle that appears on Ch 383, which is also concerned with the distribution of clothing; the significance of these marks is not understood.

The records represented here can be dated with some certainty between 97 and 74 B.C., i.e. the period when (6) Ch'ang-i kuo existed as an administrative unit.

The meaning of the terms used to denote particular garments has been discussed elsewhere. It will be noticed that the men from Huai-yang usually drew three pairs of socks, of which one is consistently described as 大点末. with 狗布練, which Ch'en Chih compares this expression is seen in a similar strip from Tunhuang, and explains as the name of a particular type of cloth which was in ganeral use in the north west. Hao Kan (K'ao p.63) suggests the possibility that the articles were made of dog skins. The other two pairs of socks are prefixed 🛵 privately owned; there are cases in which other types of clothing are described in this way, in contrast with articles that were issued officially. Fujieda (1) p.277 raises

conscripts paragame personally on their way to the north-west, or whether it was sent to them afterwards from their homes, and inclines to the latter view . As is stated above it is believed here that the ledger records issues of equipment made at Chüyen rather than in interior China; probably the issue comprised garments provided officially and some which were available for acquisition privately, e.g. by purchase. It will be noticed that privately owned socks were not issued in every case.

Identification of the place-nomes that are mentioned here is subject to some difficulty. In some cases the readings are doubtful. In addition there is no complete list of administrative units which can be applied directly to the period concerned, as the information provided in HS XXVIII refers specifically to the years 1-2 A.D., and considerable changes had occurred between the time of them times at the send then. Thus the constituent haien that formed Ch'ang-i kuo during the period 97-74 will be found in HS XXVIII under the chin (i.e. Shan-yang chin A) in which the territory was incorporated when the kuo was abolished.

It is probable that the same <u>hsien</u> is mentioned in nos.11-13 and nos.16-19, and this has been read variously as $\beta \beta$ or $\beta \beta$. Writing before photographs of the strips had been published, Hibino (1) pp.98f.accepted $\beta \beta$ as the correct reading throughout, and drew attention to a number of

where the hsien of 東部 and 西方 feature as parts of Ch'ang i kuo. However, hsien of these names do not appear anywhere in the lists of HS XXVIII. On the basis of a comment of Ch'ien Ta-hsin 美大时, supported by early notes to passages in the Ch'un-ch'iu and the Hou-Han-shu, Hibino accepted the identification of 西好 (or 西防) as the correct name of a marquisate, which is listed as part of the <u>chün</u> of Shan-yang, in 2 A.D., as Hsi-yang 西陽 Similarly, Yang Shou-ching has included a marquisate of in his map of that commandery. Hibino concludes that in the time of Wu ti and Chao ti the three hsien of 方序 方 , and 西方 , dexisted as parts of Ch'ang-i kuo. This view however is not altogether acceptable; although it is very likely that changes of administrative organisation took place between the reign of Chao ti and 1 A.D., the marquisat in question was not founded until 11 B.C., and it cannot necessarily be accepted that its name, 西陽 or 西方, derived from the name of an existing hsien

In the case of no.11 the reading prise is given in LK; a marquisate of that name is duly listed under Shan-yang (16) chun. However, the character in the strips cannot be accepted as an abbreviation for prise as that marquisate was not (17) founded until 38 B.C., and the same objection applies as in the case of the marquisate of Hsi-yang.

Ch'en Chih believes that the correct reading is $\overline{A}\beta$; although this character is not usually seen in

dictionaries it is explained as an abbreviation for , and a <u>hsien</u> of that name appears under Shan-yang (20) chun; at the same time Ch'en Chih accepts 東方 and 西方 as names of <u>hsien</u> which existed temporarily as parts of Ch'angi <u>kuo</u>.

In view of the very clear example of \mathbb{Z} which is seen in no.14, it is by no means certain that \mathbb{Z}^p can be accepted in the other strips, and \mathbb{Z}^p is not convincing. It is possible that the character should be read \mathbb{Z}^p , and this has been included in the transcriptions with some reserve; no evidence can be found to support thank this suggestion.

There is a further difficulty with fightharpoonup fightharpoonup features in nos.1-9 as the name of a hsien in Huai-yang chun; (21) elsewhere it appears as a hsien in the chun of Ju-nan <math>fightharpoonup fightharpoonup fightharpoonu

Further fragments which are concerned with the issue of clothing to servicemen can be seen in 19.41;28.14; 159.16;332.19;498.12;498.14;504.8 (possibly part of the series of records represented in TD 3); and 509.26. The

interesting entry L RE H H The foregoing items were issued by governmental authorities" appears after the last item listed in 498.14; and the lengths of cloth and articles of clothing entered on 509.26 are preceded by the descriptive phrase RE. Items of official issue also feature in a strip (287.24) that may be a record of the property of a dead serviceman; 179.2A (see Plate 51 no.8) comprises a list of articles which was probably compiled for attachment to an individual's property rather than as a redord of stores that had been issued (101.23 may be a fragment of the same type). Miscellaneous references to clothing, and sometimes to the value of these articles, are seen in 217.30; 257.17; 258.7; and 326.20A, B.

The subject of clothing features in a few strips found at Tunhuang, e.g. Ch 72 (each entry is followed by the word 4, written in a different hand); Ch 383; (24) Ch 79; 351; 561; and M 94.

A clerical error can be detected in no.12 where 年 has been written in place of 里; in no.11 衣 has probably been omitted after 里, and the name of the hsien has probably been omitted in no.14. Nos.14 and 15, and nos. 17 and 18, can probably be fitted together to form complete strips.

1	303.46		27	1600	363	
2	513.30 513.28 513.34	}	120	2182	377	Also shown in Chia 2043, without trans- cription. (see no.8)
3	303.34		27	1599	36 3	
4	19.40		5	162	358	In SW as 29.40
5	509.10 513.43	}	46	2041	367	In SW as 53.43
6	509.2		71	2030	371	In SW as 509.6
7	509.6		71	2032	371	In SW as 510.26
8	509.14		81	2043	37 3	Chia gives transcription only. (see no.2)
9	509.7		71	2035	371	
10	90.22		499		gas erm qua	
11	509.30		81	2053	373	In SW as 506.30
12	303.40		11	1597	360	
13	19.36		5	163	357	
14	513.31		70	2180	445	
15	513.37		70	2171	371	
16	513.35		70	2172	445	
17	513.41 513.8	}	6 6	2142	445	SW omits 513.8
18	509.22		82	2039	374	
19	303.47		27	1605	363	Kn SW as 303.46
80	509.12		6 6	2060	370	In SW as 509.2
ខា	509.3			2054	60 57 57	

Notes:

(1) For a special study of many of these strips see Okamaki.

- (2) Examples of strips where the headings and entries may have been made by different hands may be seen, possibly, in MD 18; see also UD 3.
- (3) Large consignments of clothing are mentioned in 504.19 and 41.17.
- (4) These marks are not represented in SW, Chia or LK.
- (5) E.g., MD 8; also Ch. 114, 122, 124 etc. See y. 269-270 above.
- (6) Huai-yang existed as a chin during this period (at other times the area was administered as a kuo; a chun existed for various short periods before 155 and from that year until 63). Lao Kan (K'ao p. 56) takes the view that the strips concerned with the men from Ch'ank-i should be dated between 73 and 67; he believes that in general men from the kuo were not conscripted to serve in the north-west; and that, although Ch'ang-i ceased to be a kuo in 74, it should not be considered as a chun proper from then, as the first known record of the appointment of a t'ai-shou 大字 dates from 67. However, as Hibino has pointed out (Hibino (1) p.100), there is reason to show that conscripts from other kuo were present at Chüyen; and the Han-shu cannot be depended on to provide a complete list of all appointments to the post of t'aishou. KOK
- (7) Wang (1) Shih II,41b; K'ao pp. 63-4; Okazaki pp. 264f.; Fujieda (1) p. 286; Hulsewé (1) pp. 38f.

- (8) Ch'en (1) pp.28-9 and 66.
- (9) Ch 72; this reading was suggested by Lao Kan; see the supplementary parts of SW and LK which give the revised readings of the strips from Tunhuang.
- (10) See 217.30 and (as discussed below) 287.24;498.14; 509.26.
- (11) For the shortage of clothing at the front and private transactions in cloth and clothes see K'ao pp.6 and 63.
- (12) In one instance (no.11) Chia reads召p ,and LK reads真p .
- (13) 90.14;299.9A,299.32A;149.39;510.29;512.24;515.23.
- (14) HS XXVIII, A2, 37b.
- which gives the history of the marquisate of Hsi-yang and places it in the commandery of Tung-lai 東菜.In all probability this name is an error for Tung-p'ing 東平 (Tung-p'ing kuo lay immediately to the north east of Shan-yang chün, and the lands in question could have been variously assigned between these units at different times).
- (16) HS XXVIII, A2, 37b.
- (17) HS XV B, 29b.
- (18) Ch'en (3) s.v. no.2053 and 2172.
- (19) Morohashi, no. 39357, states that the meaning is not clear.
- (20) HS XXVIII, A2, 25b.
- (21) HS XXVIII, A2,6b.

- (22) On the question of trading practised by servicemen in respect of clothing see Hulsewe (1) p.39; K'ao p.63; Ch'en (1) pp.60-62.
- (23) Hulsewe (1) p.40 takes this to mean "withdrawn".
- (24) The single item of clothing is followed by the word 見, written in the same hand; the date and the word have been inserted by another scribe; cf. Chüyen 19.41.

田本准陽郡長平里公士京家年生 終一人年史買類取 龍衣一個 質替過取

田卒淮陽郡長平一里公士李竹年廿九 龍石領 大絲一兩 終一兩 私絲雨

田本淮陽郡長平業陽里公士口首于年七 龍一個大絲一兩

田本淮陽郡長平口口里公口口年七八

田卒淮陽郡長平北朝里公士李宜年七三

龍石爾 大絲一兩

終 雨

私絲一兩

母 教 取

田卒淮陽郡長平市陽里公士宋建年七一龍女一個母母好人為取 田车淮陽郡長平北利里公子陳世年三

終一 犬絲 終一兩 私絲二兩 龍一領大統一两人 終一兩 私絲二兩

母具賛取

自取

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質賛取 費類為取

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田卒淮陽郡長平東洛里公士尉充年世 龍石領 和單口一大絲一兩 終一兩 私口口 私終一两

母人大學取

田卒昌邑國不靈里公士包建

田卒昌邑國和宜年全學奉德年廿三

粒一種

氣履一兩

P

17

單衣一頓終一兩

龍石質

氣履一兩

單一個 終一兩

P

11

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田本昌邑國和良里全費進人年廿三个

單衣領 終一两

礼一領 泉獨一兩

13

田卒昌邑國石里公士口

田车昌邑國不靈里公士朱廣年廿四

14

15

襲一個

單处領 終一两

田卒昌邑國不成里公士丘異

田卒昌邑国和成里公士是如之年世

單衣一預終一两 單衣一領 終一兩 口一角領 聖衣領 終一兩 終一兩年最優一兩

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TD 3

- T'i Wan, fieldsman, of Jung li, Ch'ang-p'ing [hsien], Huai-yang chün, order of kung shih, age thirty; tunid, one; trousers, one; dog socks, one. Received by Kuan Tsan, ling shih. [check mark]
- So T'uan, fieldsman, of P'ing <u>li</u>, Ch'ang-p'ing [<u>hsien</u>], Huai-yang <u>chün</u>, order of <u>kung shih</u>, age twenty three; tunic, one. Redeived on his behalf by Kuan Tsan. [check mark]
- Ji Hsing, fieldsman, of P'ing li, Ch'ang-p'ing hsien Huai-yang chun, order of kung shih, age twenty nine; tunic, one; trousers, one pair; dog socks one pair; private socks, two pairs. Received in person.
- * Tsun, fieldsman, of Yeh-yang li, Ch'amg-p'ing[hsien]Huai-yang chün, order of kung shih, age twenty seven; tunic, one; trousers, one pair; dog socks, one pair; private socks, [two?] pairs. Received by Kuan Tsan. [check mark]
- 5 ..., fireldsman, of ... <u>li</u>, Ch'ang-p'ing[<u>hsien</u>], Huai-yang chin, order of kung shih, age [twenty eight?]; tunic, one; trousers, one pair; [dog socks, one pair]; private socks, two pairs. Received by Kuan Tsan. [check mark]
- 6 Li I, fieldsman, of Pei-ch'ao li, Ch'ang-p'ing[hsien], Huai-yang chün, order of kung shih, age twenty three; tunic, one; trousers, one; dog socks, one. Received on his behalf by Kuan Tsan ...
- 7 Ch'en Shih, fieldsman, of Pei-li li, Ch'ang-p'ing [hsien],
 Huai-yang chün, order of kung shih, age twenty three; tunic,
 one; trousers, one pair; dog socks, one pair; private socks,

- one pair. Received by Kuan Tsan ...
- Sung Chien, fieldsman, of Shih-yang li, Ch'ang-p'ing[hsien],
 Huai-yang chun, order of kung shih, age twenty two; tunic,
 one. Received on his behalf by Kuan Tsan. [check mark]
- Wei Ch'ung, fieldsman, of Tung-lo <u>li</u>, Ch'ang-p'ing [<u>hsien</u>],

 Huai-yang <u>chün</u>, order of <u>kung shih</u>, age thirty; tunic, one;

 trousers, one pair; private [singlet ?], one; private ...,

 one; dog socks, one pair; private socks, two pairs. Received

 by Kuan Tsan. [check mark]
- 10 ... [check mark]
- Pao Chien, fieldsman, of Ling <u>li</u>, [P'ei ? <u>hsien</u>], Ch'ang-i <u>kuo</u>, order of <u>kung shih</u>; tunic, one; singlet, one; hemp sandals, one pair; trousers, one pair. [check mark]
- 12 Ch'ing Feng Te, fieldsman, of I [li, P'ei? hsien], Ch'ang-i kuo, order of kung shih, age twenty three; under-garment, one; singlet, one; hemp sandals, one pair; trousers, one pair. [check mark].
- 13 Fei Tu Jen, fieldsman, of Liang <u>li</u>, [P'ei ' <u>hsien</u>], Ch'ang-i <u>kuo</u>, order of <u>kung shih</u>, age twenty three; under-garment, one; singlet, one; hemp sandals, one pair; trousers, one pair. [check mark]
- 14 ..., fieldsman, or Shih <u>li</u>, Ch'ang_i <u>kuo</u>, order of <u>kung</u> shih, ...
- 15 ... tunic, one; [singlet ?], one; hemp sandals, one pair; trousers, one peir. [check mark]

- 16 Chu Kuang, fieldsman, of Ling li, [P'ei? hsien], Ch'ang-i kuo, order of kung shih, age twenty four, ...
- 17 Ch'iu I, fieldsman, of Ch'eng <u>li</u>, [P'ei ? <u>hsien</u>], Ch'ang-i <u>kuo</u>, order of <u>kung shih</u> ...
- 18 ... tunic, one; singlet, one; hemp sandals, one pair; trousers, one pair. [check mark]
- 19 Pao Tao Chih, fieldsman, of Ch'eng <u>li</u>, [P'ei ? <u>hsien</u>], Ch'ang <u>hsien</u> i <u>kuo</u>, order of <u>kung shih</u>, age twenty four; under-garment, one; singlet, one; hemp sandals, one pair; trousers, one pair.

 [check mark]
- 20 ... tunic, one; singlet, one; hemp sandals, one pair; trousers, one pair. [check mark]
- 21 ... under-garment, one; ..., one; hemp sandals, one pair;
 trousers, one pair.

Notes

- SW Chia LK) .The name Kuan Tsan is also seen in 214.60 (from MD), but this does not necessarily refer to the official mentioned here.
- 2年 SW 平二 (also in no.3) 索 SW Chia 冥 LK客家 Ch'en (4) s.v.no.2043 reads the complete name as 周 灰
- 3 竹 SW LK 休 二两 SW LK 一雨
- 4 口 SW 它 Chia 口 LK 豊 Ch'en (4) 儿
 - 二兩 SW Chia LK 一雨

5口口里Chia業陽里 口口 SW LK 王口口Chia 口草 廿八 SW Chia H LK 世 襲 SW LK 粒 滋幸 IK 考 私無SW Chia LK 私終 二两 SW Chia LK 一兩

- 6 為取SW Chia取LK自取
- 9 私單口一SW Chia 私單絲一IK 私單終一 和口ISW Chia LK 私結無無 一两 Chia 一兩
- 11 环 SW 环 Chia 环 LK 英 See Ch'en (4) 枲 SW LK 素 斯廷
 12 环 SW omits; Chia 环 LK 菜
- 宜年 sic

The Ch'en (4) T; a rurther example of this abbreviation is seen in 32.12A and , possibly, 505.19.

13 田卒 SW Chia 口卒LK 口

那 SW Chia LK 不 14 口 SW Chia LK 無辟陽 15 單 SW LK 禪 16 环 SW Chia LK 孙

19 田 LK戌

否 sw Chia LK 石序

Chia

SW Chia and LK orten omit the check marks in nos.13-21.

TD 4 (Plate 36)

Introduction

The form of this document is very similar to that of W 2. In both cases the fragments represent a record of the receipt and disbursement of grain, which was maintained on a monthly basis, with suitable captions for each part of the (1) document. Unlike W 2 there is no clue here to the identity of the unit or office that was concerned with the transactions or their date. Comparatively long periods of time and large amounts of grain are mentioned, and it may be concluded that the strips derived from a more important centre of distribution than that of W 2. Other documents (e.g. TD 3, TD 6, TD 7, TD 9) give reason to believe that agricultural activities may have been directed from one of the offices established at Taralingin-durbeljin , and the existence of a major centre of production at that site is not unlikely.

It is probable that nos.7 and 8 can be fitted together to form one complete strip.

The quantities of wheat (爱) which were concerned (3) in these transactions were quoted in ta shih, but the scale of allowances cannot be determined precisely. It is not certain that nos. 2,7 and 8 refer to men engaged in hard labour only, or whether ordinary fieldsmen were included (see note to no. 2), and the length of the months is unknown. If, as is likely, the strips are concerned with a standard

allowance for men classified in a single category in each case, the following calculations can be made:

No.	Figures	given	Nearest solution		
	grain (shih)	no. of men.	$\frac{\text{period}}{(\text{months})}$	monthly ration	total amount
8	580.8 8	66	4	2.2	580.8
7,8	37.6	9 ?	8	2.1	37.8
5	37.6	6	3	2.1	37. 8
6	7.8	8	3	1.3	7.8

The allowances suggested for nos.2,7 and 8, for men engaged in hard labour, are higher than those quoted elsewhere for (4) soldiers on active service. In the case of no.6, where private servants are concerned, the allowance is the same as that given elsewhere for certain members of soldiers' (5) families.

It is likely that the word H was accidentally omitted before ‡ in no.10; the spacing of the entries on this strip varies slightly from that on the others.

It is by no means clear whether the tenth part of the shih is expressed in these fragments as tou + or shih +; tou has been adopted in the transcriptions.

1	303.38	501		501	
ន	303.24	11	1601	248	
3	3 03.2	2,6	1577	245	In SW as 302.12
4	182.7	79	1042	265	Distinguish a further 182.7 shown on TP 387.

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5	303.51	2,6	and make according	245	
6	303.9	11	1587	248	
7	182.37	79	1047	265	
8	303.28	2,6	gange diddig garing	245	
9	102.10	9	585	247	
10	19.38	5	170	245	
11	[90.23]	4 4		257	The original number 90.23, though given in SW TP and LK, is probably incorrect; a strip 90.23 is fitted with 216.2 in TP 44, Chia 534, SW p.15.
12	90.46	44	tiving them upon	257	
13	192.38	15		249	
14	19.45	45	167	257	In SW as 14.45
15	182.46	500	670 and 670	337	
16	102.12	44		256	
17	102.7	44	592	257	

Notes:

- (1) The association of no.1 with the other strips may be subject to doubt. Examples of strips giving total sums, such as those seen in MD 8 or W 2 have not been included here, but some have been found at TD (e.g. 182.1;192.40).
- (2) Sommarström p.343 (note 1) writes: "The <u>fort</u> is called Taralingin-durbeljin, which means the "Walled Enclosure near the Agricultural Settlement" (this name is sometimes used for the whole site). There are, in fact, undoubted

traces of antient cultivation, e.g. canals and fields, in the neighbourhood of the site, but nowadays the district is completely sterile, the ground being covered with gravel interspersed with occasional sand-dunes."

- (3) See W-2 Introduction p. 675

 Apr. 357/.

 (4) See MD-8,9.10 Introduction
- (5) See MD 8,9,10 Introduction p. 360.

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出麥五百八十石八十八十 日製出入簿

TD4

以食田卒劇作六十六人五月盡八月

2

3

以食口馬一匹五月盡一八月

出麥世之石五斗二升

出麥上石八斗

出变世人石六斗

出凌世上石六十

以食口口口騎之五月盡

以食田卒口六人六月盡過八月

5

6

以食吏私從者二人六月盡八月

出麥世(石

口月入

以食局水平九月十五日食少十五石

以食田卒劇作九人人月盡八月

9

以食卒劇作世二人

出麥十四石一平

出麥六十石

人麥世石九十八升

史摄口

四月庚戌史掾

入棄十二石

人麥世口石六斗

癸酉史

入糜世之石二十七升

入麥三百一五石六十六

16

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TD 4 Translation

- 1 ... register of the issue and receipt of grain ...
- 2 Issued: wheat 580.88 shih; as rations for sixty six fieldsmen engaged in hard labour for the fifth to the eighth months includive.
- 3 Issued: [wheat?] 27.52 shih; as rations for [two ... horses?] for the fifth to the eighth months inclusive.
- 4 ... as rations for two ... cavalrymen from the fifth to the ... months inclusive. ...
- 5 [Issued: wheat 37.6 shih; as rations for six ...fieldsmen for the sixth to the eighth months inclusive ?].
- 6 Issued: wheat 7.8 <u>shih</u>; as rations for two officers' personal servants for the sixth to the eighth months inclusive.
- 7 Issued: wheat 37.6 shih ...
- 8 ... as rations for [nine?] fieldsmen engaged in hard labour for the seventh to the eighth months inclusive.
- 9 Issued: wheat 41 shih; as rations for privates from Chien-shui, for fifteen days in the ninth month.
 - 15 shih short. Received ...month.
- 10 ... 6.64 shih; as rations for thirty two fieldsmen engaged in hard labour.
- 11 Issued: wheat 14.1 shih ...
- 12 Issued: wheat 60 shih ...
- 13 Received: wheat 21.98 shih. Officials' ...
- 14 Received: red millet 12 shih; on keng hsu, fourth month, officials' ...

- 15 Received: wheat 30 6 shih
- Received: red millet 37.27 shih; on kuei yu; officials' ... 16
- 17 Received: wheat 215.66 shih

Notes

- 2 田卒劇作 For the meaning of劇作 see Yang (1) p.111; Yoneda (4) p.153; Fujieda (4) p.155 (correction to Fujieda (1) p.291); Ch'en (1) p.49. An alternative rendering for the whole phrase would be "fieldsmen and men engaged in hard labour ".
- SW Chia 序俟驛 LK 左俟隊
- 4口口口SW LK定口口 Chia 库口胡

二人 LK omits

SW Chia LK 复

meadings are given as follows for this strip: 5

SW

口口十一石六斗 以食田卒六口口

LK (no. 20) 口口上石六斗 以食田车六口六月口

LK (no.90) 日五十石六十 以食田车六口口日

8 劇 SW LK 制

九人SWLK廿人

L SW LK =

世 sw 世

> A SW omits

口刷 SW Chia 包九月入 IK 九月入

(the two fihal entries少十五石 and 口月入 may have been made by a different hand from the rest of the inscription).

TD 4

10 年献作 SW Chia 车制作 LK车耐力作 Ch'en (4) corrects 制 to 副 .

13 H LK +

史掾口歌以史料簿

14 史據SW Chia LK 長 掾

15世口石SWLK 世石

16 癸酉史 SW LK 口口口口口

17六… LK 大口

TD 5 (Plate 37)

Introduction

Notes of the amounts of cash which were due to officers as regular pay are represented in MD 12, and the fragments assembled here derive from a complementary list of similar sums which were still due for payment. The information that is given includes the dates when the officers were first appointed, and it is of interest to note that in some cases officers held the same rank for long periods of two or three years. Two of the strips (nos. 2 and 10) concern the same officer. In one case (no.13) an exceptionally high sum is mentioned, for reasons which are not quite understood. In discussing these and other fragments Fujieda expresses the views reached by a study-group in Kyoto.to the effect that the failure to pay officials their dues in 81 B.C. may be associated with the difficulties of tax collection and the transport of large sums of cash to distant regions; and that these difficulties may in turn derive from the burdens of contemporary Han foreign policy. As Fujieda remarks, such questions must await the results of further research.

Most of these fragments are concerned with payments for the year 81 B.C., but nos.15 and 16 are dated at 74 and 73 respectively. Nos.1-9 and nos.10-13 were probably written

by two different officials, and nos. 10 and 11 can possibly be fitted together to form one strip. It is tempting to believe that the task of making these lists passed from one clerk to another at some point between the occasions for drawing up the accounts for the tenth and eleventh months of 81 (i.e. between the time of nos. 9 and 10).

Fragments of similar reports, mostly from sites other than Taralingin-durbeljin, are seen in 11.17;57.8;
(2)
280.16;498.8;507.4; and Ch 62.

A clerical error may be seen in no.12, where 元 始 was probably written in place of 始元.

The dates given in parenthesis after the translations are those corresponding with the days specified for the appointment of the officials.

1	303.49	13	3 1624	248			
2	19.50	4.	5 16 6	257	In SW	as	19.5
3	90.21 90.3 90.32	}	9 540	247			
4	19.9	4	5 · 14 8	257			
5	303.21	1	1592	248	In LK	as	303.31
6	303.45	13	1616	248	In SW	ឧន	305.45
7	216.7	10	1197	247			
8	513.40	44	2168	256	In SW	as	673.40
9	90.12 90.2 90.60	}	536	247	90.60 in SW		not mentioned

TD 5

10	19.21		5	147	432	
11	5 13.3 8		66	2175	263	
12	90.11		9	512	43 3	In SW as 90.21
13	90.34 90.44	}	9	543	247	In SW as 90.44 only.
14	516.30		84	2259	26 6	In LK as 516.60.
15	514.4		66	2170	263	
16	520.5		43	demonstration	256	In SW as 510.5

Notes:

- (1) Fujieda (1) pp.330-1
- (2) See Wang (1) Shih II, 11a.

屬王廣始元三年六月丁丑除

未得始元六年五月

僕李定國始元四年十月 東軍除

未得始元六年六月奉用一錢

3

Z

产史族勝客始元六年五月己卯除

未得始元六年七月本用錢

令史覃吉朋始元二年三月己丑 書佐樊奉始元三年六月丁丑 除

未得始元六年九月本用錢四百

6

5

未得始元六年八月奉用錢三百六十

除

未得始元六年九月本用錢四百八十 未得始无六年九月奉用錢上百世

陈\

7

未

得始元六年七月奉用錢四百八十

健陳横元始二年二月友寅除

始元六年七月奉用錢六十

口 二月奉用錢九百六十

未得元平元年四月書

未得本始元年十月奉

16

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14

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12

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TD 5 Translation

- 1 Sun Lin Kuo, shu-tso, appointed on ping yin, sixth month, fourth year of Shih yüan; not yet received cash 360, being pay for the fifth month, sixth year of Shih yüan.

 [5 July 83]
- Wang Kuang, shu, appointed on ting ch'ou, sixth month, third year of Shih yüan; not yet received ... fifth month, sixth year of Shih yüan.

 [21 July 84]
- 3 Li Ting Kuo, hou, appointed on keng yin, tenth month, fourth year of Shih yüan; not yet received cash ..., being pay for the sixth month, sixth year of Shih yüan . [26 November 83]
- 4 Hsü Sheng K'o, ling shih, appointed on i mao, fifth month, sixth year of Shih yüan; not yet received cash ..., being pay for the seventh month, sixth year of Shih yüan.

 [13 June 81]
- 5 Fan Feng, shu tso, appointed on ting ch'ou, sixth month, third year of Shih yüan; not yet received cash 360, being pay for the eighth month, sixth year of Shih yüan. [21 July 84]
- 6 T'an Ying, ling-shih, appointed on i ch'ou, third month, second year of Shih yüan; not yet received cash 4[...], being pay for the nonth month, sixth year of Shih yüan.

 [15 May 85]
- 7 ... not yet received cash 720, being pay for the ninth month, sixth year of Shih yuan.

- 8 ... appointed on ...; not yet received cash 480, being pay for the ninth month, sixth year of Shih yuan.
- 9 Hsing Pei, [ssu-ma and ?] ling-shih, appointed on chia tzu, seventh month, sixth year of Shih yüan; not yet received cash 480, being pay for the tenth month, sixth year of Shih yüan.

 [21 August 81]
- 10 Wang Kuang, shu, appointed on ting ch'ou, sixth month, third year of Shih yën; not yet ... [21 July 84]
- 11 ... received cash 480, being pay for the eleventh month, sixth year of Shih yuan.
- 12 Ch'en Heng, hou, appointed on keng yin, second month, second year of Yüan shih [sic] ... [10 April 85]
- 13 ... cash 6000, being pay for the eleventh month, sixth year of Shih yuan .
- 14 ... cash 960, being pay for the second month ...
- 15 ... not yet received ... for the fourth to the ... months inclusive, first year of Yuan p'ing.
- 16 ... not yet received ... pay for the tenth month, first year of Pen shih.

Notes

- 3 李 SW LK 丞 未得始元以未得昭元 六月 SW omits
- 4 勝 sic Ch'en (4); SW Chia LK 月兑 人月 SW Chia LK 十月

5除 11 除井

6 四百 SW Chia 四 口

7未 116口

8 除 omktted in SW Chia LK 秦 LK 事 八十 SW Chia 八 口

9 七月 114 十月

10 未 8W 朱 LK 主

11 四百 SW LK 百

12 元始sw Chia 大治 (The date has been calculated on the assumption that the nien hao should read 始元)

13奉用錢SW Chia LK 庚午錢

14 口 SW Chia 羧

九百六十五日口口口口

15年 LK omits

TD 6 (Plate 15)

Introduction

There can be little doubt that these five fragments should be associated together; they are concerned with the same subject; characteristic phrases and statistics recur; and the handwriting can be identified as being one and the same. However TD 6 is in some respects the least satisfactory of the collections of strips; although the subject matter may comprise major aspects of agrarian administration, and it might be hoped that the document would bear a general significance in the application of Han institutions, the texts cannot be fully interpreted, and there are several problems which cannot yet be solved.

No.1 is a caption to the other strips, which record the disbursement of money from official sources (cf.MD 11) from a time in 9 B.C. The transactions were concerned with waggon-loads, presumably of grain, and with individuals who are described as 其京人. The home address (li and hsien) of these men is recorded on the strips, and no military designation is included in their description; they can probably be taken to be civilians. At least two hsien were concerned, both in the chün of Chiu ch'üan, and it appears from no.1 that the report of the transactions was prepared for transmission to the wei fit; officials of that title were established as part of the staff of the tu wei fu of the chün.

In the key expression Exix (nos.1,2 and),
the character Eximay suggest an association with the polltax, which was levied on civilian members of the population;
(1)
this tax was usually payable in coin. However, it has been
shown by Yang Lien-sheng that the word Eximas was used in
Han times as a general term to zover governmental imposts
of all types, even including taxes levied on the land; it is
not impossible that it is used in this general sense here.

Eximas is sometimes taken as being equivalent to fix, in
the sense of hiring, and may be associated with the hiring
of men for transport or other forms of labour.

which have been calculated very exactly on a basis that is completely consistent. The figure of cash 1347 is cited for one waggon-load (liang) in no.2 (also no.3?), and this corresponds with the figures of 4714 and 10,776 for three and a half and eight loads respectively in nos. 4 and 5.It has been suggested elsewhere that the standard waggon-load amounted to 25 shih or hu of grain, and this suggestion is somewhat supported by the final entry in no. 4, which gives a break-down of three and a half loads as (4)

The strips may thus record payments of 53.9 cash in respect of each shih [of grain], and this figure remains constant for the two haien that are mentioned. The precise distances between those two places and the centre concerned

(i.e. Taralingin—durbeljin) cannot be known; it is however unlikely that they were equal, and it is thus improbable that the sum of 53.9 cash was concerned with the expenses of transport exclusively, as these would presumably vary according to time or distance. It is more likely that the payment should be associated with the grain itself. Possibly the strips are records of payments that were made to farmers in respect of grain brought to the official granaries, and the somewhat odd figures that are mentioned may have been reached by deducting a fixed proportion for taxation or other purposes, on a scheme such as the following:

Gross	payment	Deduction	<u>Net</u> payment	Percentage of deduction
per waggon	per <u>shih</u>		Day Molly	do du o di oni
1400 cash	56 cash	53 cash	1347 cash	3. 8%
or				
1425 cash	57 cash	78 cash	1347 cash	5.4 %
or				
1450 cash	58 cash	103 cash	1347 cash	7.1%
etc.				

The rendering "taxable individual", which has been adopted below for the expression 貝式 永人 should be treated with reserve.

Other strips whose content is comparable with that of TD 6 are seen in 505.20 and 505.36. The first instance (6) concerns 58 waggon-loads at an expenditure of 79,774? cash,

i.e. approximately 1375 cash per <u>liang</u> .505.36 is concerned with twelve waggon-loads, and a note is appended regarding the loss of 59.3 <u>shih</u> through wastage or similar causes.

A spade for the upper binding string is visible in no.1.

1	506.26	87	2013	489	
2	506.27	87	2015	267	
3	502.8	86	1934	267	In SW as 510.8
4	505.15	77	1961	264	
5	506.11	87	1998	267	

Notes:

- (1) For the Han tax system see Swann pp.366f., Li Chien-nung pp.244f. and Hiranaka VIII pxp.15f.; for the payment of the <u>fu</u> in local products see Swann p.369. It is possible that the following pieces were labels made to accompany cash which was received from this or similar sources of revenue: 21.1A; 45.1A; 49.2A; 183.18A; 526.1A (see Plate 52 no.2; Plate 51 nos.3, 1 and 2; and Plate 52 no.3).
- (2) Yang (1) pp.104f.
- (3) See Lao Kan in K'ao pp.56f. and CYYY XI,p.67. Ch'en (1) pp.30 and 34 cites 116.40 as evidence for the existence of hired labour and 3.4 for 末 meahing to lease, of property. 点太人 which is seen in Ch.390 (dated 87 A.D.)

is rendered "locataire" by Chavannes, and probably refers to the lease of land; 就人 may be used in the same sense in 214.125. 京太 is used in connection with hired labour for transport in 267.16 (in the phrase 载, 永人; K'ao p.56 erroneously gives 凉太) and 350.12 (K'ao ib., reads 凉太), and in HS XC 14b. See also HS XXIVB, 19b 天下鼠輔或不億其久就費 which Swann (p.314) renders "... when imperial poll taxes fu were transported at times they did not compensate for the cost of cartage"; and 502.11.

- (4) The exact product of 3½ and 25 is 87.5. Evidence regarding the size of the liang is seen in the Chiu chang suan shu (see Grain Measurement p.76). Quantities of grain are quoted as 25 shih, or one load, in 16.2 and 156.22; as 50 shih, or two loads, in 253.5; and as 100 shih, or four loads, in 122.6. Yoneda (4) p.151 suggests the use of a sack of five shih as a unit for loading, and a differentiation between waggon-loads of 25 shih (ta shih) and 35 shih (hsiao shih) according to the type of grain handled.
- (5) Figures can only be hypothetical, as it is not possible to cite evidence for the current price of grain at Chüyen in 9 B.C.It is worth noting that there are at least two strips from TD which cite prices of cash 35 or less (303.3 and 192.39, 90.64, 90.45, 19.26); for prices, both

realistic and rhetorical, ranging from 5 to 10,000 cash, see K'ao pp. 57f., Ch'en (1) p. 69 and Grain measurement pp. 67-8.

(6) The reading of the figures is somewhat doubtful.

出錢十三百世人

出錢四千七百十四

出錢十三百世人

右八兩

用錢萬人百人十六

賦 教人表是萬 影里吳成三两半

巴入个五石 之石八十三升

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風, 就人會水宜微里蘭子房一兩

TD 6 Translation

- 1 Names and monies of taxable individuals, for transmission to the office of Huang Liang, probationary wei, for the period since the eighth month of the fourth year of Yüan yen.

 [9 B.C.]
- 2 Paid out cash 1347; taxable individual Lan Tzu Fang, of I-lu <u>li</u>, Hui-shui [<u>hsien</u>]; for one waggon-load.
- 3 Paid out cash 1347; ...
- 4 Paid out cash 4714; taxable individual Wu Ch'eng, of Wan-sui <u>li</u>, Piao-shih [<u>hsien</u>]; for three and a half waggon-loads.

 85 <u>shih</u> received; 2.83 <u>shih</u> short.
- 5 Foregoing is for eight waggon-loads; cash expended 10,776 ...

Notes

1 州 LK omits

by could also be taken as part of the individual's name.

2 K LK +

房 Chia所 Ch'en (4) prefers房

3 K LK +

4 上百 新 百上

献 K'ao p. 56 做

H SW Chia LK +

TD 7

(Plate 15)

Introduction

Little is known regarding the conditions whereby officials or members of the forces were entitled to hold land in the "colonial" areas of the north west, and the value of these five pieces lies in their evidence regarding the levy of the land tax (tsu/1), at a given rate per mou of cultivated land. While the exact nature of the documents represented cannot be known, the fragments clearly derive from records of tax collected in kind in this way.

The five pieces probably belong to one set of documents, and the appearance of a single horizontal bar (not shown in the transcription) at the head of nos.1 and 5 is a feature that is not seen elsewhere. The difference in the rates of taxation that were levied can be explained either by differences of time or owing to the different quality of the land, with a different assessment. The rate of .4 shih per mou that is specified in nos.2 and 3 may recur in no.1, if the acreage is read as 65 mou (if 67 mou is read, the rate was slightly less than .4 shih); and in no.5 the rate of the tax was .335 shih.

Fragments which may refer to the levy of this tax or the measurement of land for the purposes of taxation may be seen in 303.17 and 494.1, and the subject features in Ch 415, 632 and 633.

TD 7

The meaning of the terms 長官 (no.1) and 复知 (nos.1 and 5) is not fully understood.

1	303 .7	10	1585	225
2	19.43	5	165	245
3	182.25	22	1028	251
4	182.3	22	1027	251
5	303.25	27	1610	Not found

Note:

(1) On this subject see Wang (1) Shih II,26b et seq.; K'ao p.53; Swann pp.366f.; Li Chien-nung pp.253f.; Ch'en (1) p.51; and Hiranaka VI.

右第二長官二處田六十七畝 組廿六石

租十六石

右處五田六十五畝租大石

世石八什

率敏四什 率畝四什

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TD 7 Translation

- 1 Foregoing is for 6[7?] mou of cultivated land, [in two plots?], no. 2 ch'ang kuan: land tax: 26 shih.
- 2 ... at .4 [shih] per mou.
- 3 ... at .4 [shih] per mou.
- 4 ... land tax:16 shih. ..
- 5 Foregoing is for 65 mou of cultivated land, [in five plots ?]:land tax 21.8 shih (large)

Notes

- 1第蓝麦
 - 長官 Cf. 501.11, where the text may read: ... 第四長官...

Sic Ch'en Pang-Nuin huai 東 47 (Kaogu 1960, 10, p. 52) on the basis of comparison with 317.5 and 326.22A.

SW Chia and LK read £, but contrast this character in no.5. For the form of £ see ND 13 Int. and X 1 Int.

畝 SW Chia 取

- 2畝 (also in no.3) SW Chia LK 取
 - 什 SW Chia 斗 LK 升
- 3 什 SW Chia LK 斗
- 5 友 Chia LK 友; cf. 友 in no.l above and in Inscription no.19 column 1.

畝 Chia 取

什 Chia LK 丰

TD 8 (Plate 33)

Introduction

As in UD 5, these pieces are probably fragments of a record of civilians who were allowed to pass through a controlled point on a communications' line. Information of the same type is entered, but the details differ from those in UD 5 (e.g. the bodily features are not described). If the three pieces are parts of a record that covered a single calendar year, they can be dated in one of the following years: 64,61,59,50,37,26, 18 or 7 B.C.; 32,43,75 or 78 A.D.

Other strips found at TD, which can be identified as parts of comparable documents, include: 502.2 (several individuals are entered on one strip; in some cases they may be stated to be on their return journey, northward); 505.14 (records the inward passage of a guardsman; the form and writing are possibly the same as those in TD 8, but the date is expressed by numbers rather than cyclical terms); and, possibly, 506.3.

1	505.12	72	1958	421
8	505.13	72	1959	421
3	505.9	72	1957	422

Note:

(1) 複致北出(SW, Chia, LK read 北上)

口口長口里張信 居延計據衛豐

敦煌效敦宜王里瓊陽年八 朝車一乘馬一匹 子男居此平里衛良年十三 朝車一乘馬一匹十二月八十七出出

関月所午南入

七月年卯北出

朝車一乘用馬一匹

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TD 8 Translation

- 1 Ch'iung Yang, of I-wang <u>li</u>, Hsiao-ku [<u>hsian</u>], Tunhuang [<u>chün</u>]; age 28; one light vehicle, one horse; admitted inwards, to the south, on <u>ping wu</u>, in the intercalary month.
- Wei Feng, [accountant?] Chüyen; his son Wei Liang, of P'ing li, Chüyen [hsien], age 13; one light vehicle, one horse; proceeded out, to the north, on wu tzu, in the twelfth month.
- 3 Chang Hsin, of Chang * <u>li</u>, ...; one light vehicle, one working horse; proceeded out, to the north, on <u>hsin</u>

 <u>mao</u>, in the twelfth month.

Notes

- 1 放 SW, Chia 放 . Ch'en (3) p.45 supports 放 by reference to HS XXVIII, Bl, 19a and Inscription (4) column 1.

 匹 SW, LK 三 Chia 三 匹
- 3 用馬 This expression is seen in a list of taxable property belonging to an officer (37.35; valued at 4000 cash). Cf.用牛in 24.1B (valued at 2500 cash); working oxen also feature in the Linear 書 tablets (See Ventris and Chadwick, pp. 212-213).

TD 9 (Plate 16)

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Owing to the small size of the fragments assembled here and the absence of a complete strip the nature of the original documents that are represented must remain doubtful, and the association of all the pieces together as parts of one series may be questionable. With this reservation the fragments can be identified as parts of a descriptive register of cattle used in one of the agricultural settlements near Taralingin durbeljin; a complete strip probably included details of colour, sex, age, height and other distinctive features of each animal.

There is good reason to show that cattle were used for ploughing in Han times. Their use is associated with the agricultural techniques which were introduced by Chao Kuo (1) (c.85 B.C.) and applied as far afield as Chüyen. In addition, several strips testify to official recognition of the needs of working cattle, e.g., 238.36, which can be dated at about 42 B.C. and refers to the procedure for taking stock of cattle; 217.13 which records the issue of fodder for cattle belonging to the authorities (+); and 509.20 which refers to the food supplies needed for working cattle (+). Two other fragments (149.29 and 521.33) may possibly belong to records such as those represented here.

The expressions used in these pieces are by no means clear. A, which is read in nos.1,7 and 13, is tentatively rendered "branded", on the assumption that the word is cognate with A. In nos.1,3,5 etc. A may refer to cutting the horns of the animals; similarly A, in no.2 (if read correctly) may refer to the horns. It is not known what distinction should be drawn between A (nos.5,11) and A (no.13); one of the terms may denote oxen rather than bulls.

Several hands may be distinguished in these fragments.

Nos.4 and 5 can probably be fitted together to form one piece.

1	510.28	71	2071	428B	
2	504.2	77	1937	422	
3	512.6	70	2118	428B	
4	510.12	81	2059	428B	
5	514.41	66	2196	430	In SW as 514.14
6	515.19	84	2218	428B	
7	517.16	84	2264	580	
8	514.20	84	2158	580	
9	512.25	66	2131	430	
10	514.13	120	anna sinik gura	423	
11	517.14	84	2274	428B	
18	120.29	22	one allo con	ein giệt pas	
13	512.34	120	2136	428B	

Notes:

- (1) See HS XXIVA, 18a (Swann pp. 187f.). The statement in the Han-shi that Chao Kuo's methods were applied in Chüyen may be partly corroborated by the evidence of W 2.
- (2) See <u>K'ao</u> p.61 and Ch'en (1) p.52. For the phrase 相牛, which is seen in the strip, cf. <u>Ch'i-min-yao-shu</u> 育民要件 VI, lvi, 2a 月相馬之志
- (3) For this expression see Ch'i-min-yao-shu VI, lvi, la
- (4) See GSR no.993, and Morphashi s.v. 久

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TD9 牛一里、北左斬齒三歲久左右

左剽齒五家高五尺九寸

牛一黑北白頭左斬齒四歲

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特左斬齒一歲

牛一黑北左斬齒

歲 高五尺九寸 尺上寸久左肩

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左斯齒六夢 口、

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TD 9 Translation

- One black cow, cut on the left; age three years; [branded ?] on the left and right ...
- 2 ... pierced on the left; age five years; height five feet nine inches.
- 3 One black cow, with a white head, cut on the left; age four years ...
- 4, One light brown bull, cut on the left akaa, age two years ...
- 6 One black cow, cut on the lert; age ...
- 7 ... feet seven inches; [branded ?] on the left shoulder.
- 8 ... years; height five feet nine inches.
- 9 ... age five years. Left horn ...
- 10 ... cut on the left; age six years ...
- 11 One black bull, cut on the left; age eight years; height seven feet three inches ...
- 12 One black cow, cut on the left; age ...
- 13 One black bull, cut on the ...; no [branding?] ...

Notes

1 年 SW Chia 年土

左联充

菌 SW Chia LK 首 (so also in nos. 3, 5, 6, 9, 11 and 12) 久左右SW Chia 久口在口以久口右

- 2 票 SW LK 口
- 3 46 SW 4±

左肽充

4 黄 SW Chia LK 口

5 特 SW omits; Chia 持 LK 口 左 LK 尤

6年一黑牝SW 日口牡1 黑北尤

7尺人寸久 SW 上寸口 Chia口上寸口LK 口七寸久

8日蕨高 SW Chia日日京LK 口口口

9左角口SW Chia左角屬 LK 大以萬

10 左斬齒六歲 SW 齒六歲 LK 口廿六歲

11件一黑特」 三俱持

八黄高 SW Chia 口口梨 LK — 口蓬

18 批 班 生

13 久 SW Chia LK 入 (see]東 邦 堆 4 in <u>Kaogu</u> 1960,10 p.52) TD 10 (Plate 11)

Introduction

The material found at Tunhuang includes excellent examples of Han calendars, whose forms can be reconstructed (1) with some certainty. Considerably fewer fragments of this type of document can be recognised in the material from Chüyen, and apart from the three strips shown here it has not been possible to fit pieces together as parts (2) of the same calendar.

The text of these three fragments consists of consecutive terms of the sexagenary cycle, with indications to mark the tenth (十日) and last (日年日) days of the month. The terms are written in two horizontal lines, and ten terms are missing between the last term of the upper and the first term of the lower line. As the characters of at least one of the terms (庚辰) have been split vertically, so that they are now separated and appear on strips 2 and 3. it seems likely that the three pieces were originally parts of one single board. The terms that appear on the extreme right side of no.1 abe for the third and twenty fourth days of the month concerned, and the form of the original document can be reconstructed by the addition of: (a) a narrow strip to the right of no.1, with the terms for the 1st, 2nd, 22nd and 23rd days; and (b) a comparatively wider piece, to the left of no.3 with the terms for the 14th to the 21st days (upper line) and 2nd to 9th days

(lower line). Figures have been inserted in the transcription given below to indicate the arrangement that is envisaged.

The month to which these terms are referred would have comprised thirty days, beginning on Jen shen 生申. As the upper line of entries appears at the extreme top of the strips it presumably referred to the first month in the year for which the calendar was made. However no such month (i.e. long, beginning on Jen shen) is to be found in the reconstructed calendar between 100 B.C. and 100 A.D. (the first months of 4 and 97 A.D. started on Jen shen, but in both cases the month was short). In addition it seems that pthe document was never completed; the characters were doubtless written in their very small size with the intention that the strips would accommodate all the lines that would be needed for the full calendar, but there are no traces of inscription, or erasure, after the second line. It is not unlikely that the three strips form part of an attempt to write a calendar which was started incorrectly and discontinued once an initial error had been recognised. Such an error would occur very easily if the first month were written with thirty instead of twenty nine terms; and, if this were so, the calendar represented here could have been intended for either 4 or 97 A.D.

No transtiteration of the terms has been added after the transcription.

TD 10

1	505.28	43	1972	556						
2	502.5	86	1908	557	No	number	is	given	in	sw
3	505.29	43	1973	555						

Notes:

- (1) See Ch 9-24 and 25-35. The various forms of calendar are discussed in Notes pp. 312f.
- (2) The following fragments can be found. (The types are those described in Notes pp. 312-3). From MD: type (a) 39.37; 176.53; 286.1; 309.15; 482.9; from UD: type (a) 37.40; type (c) 97.5; type (d) 179.10; from TD: type (a) 503.5; 506.18; from W: type (a) 88.22; from unidentified sites: type (a) 87.18; 111.3; 111.6; 166.8; 166.9; type (c) 85.7; 11A 290.在; type (d) 457.19.

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Notes

- 1 两子 IX 甲子 两申 SW 两甲
- The readings of this strip are very doubtful, and are in many cases inferred on the basis of 戻子 (as agreed in Chia, LK; SW reads 庚午). Incomplete readings are given in SW Chia LK

W 1 (Plate 17)

Introduction

As in MD 7, the fragments collected here are thought to be parts of a document made out in tabulated form, but as the headings of the strips consist of cyclical terms for dates, the exact nature of the document cannot be determined. Probably the strips record the issue or consumption of stores by different units, which were shown on a guide-strip such as 68.36 or 478.10 (See MD 7 Introduction); alternately different items of equipment could have been listed on a guide-strip. The horizontal lines entered on the strips may represent successive occasions on which stores were issued or used (as in no.15) or they may sometimes be the characters or . These marks have been interpreted variously in SW, Chia and LK, and such differences are not included in notes after the translation.

1	273.17	389	1453	618
2	308.39	4.37	1638	630
3	308.13	436		631
4	148.11	447	856	In SW with no number; in Chia, LK as 148.33
5	148.29	447		Not found
6	88.21	392		Not found
7	148.49	394		Not found

8	148.39	394	1250 mag spra-	618	
9	88.15	393	514	618	
10	555.17	384		31 8C	
11	534.27	437		630	
12	148.7	447		632	In SW as 148.29
13	148.50	393	THE COST 644	618	Not included in LK
14	273.15	390	1454	618	
15	275.14	495	man agric erap	635	

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W 1 Translation

1	Ghi mao						• • •
8	Chia wu	1	1				• • •
3	<u>Wu hstl</u>	1					• • •
4	Kuei mao	1					•••
5		• • •			2	1	
6					1	1	
7		• • •			8	1	
8	• • •	1	1	1	1		• • •
9	Chia ch'en	1	1	8	1	2	
10	•	• •				2	
11	•	• •				2	
12	•	• •				3	
13	•	• •	8	1	1	1	
14	Jen tzu	1	1	1			• • •
15	• • •	5	6	3	5	8	

Notes

15 The two characters of a cyclical term may appear at the beginning.

Introduction

Some of the earliest datable strips found at Chtyen are included in the material studied here. The collection represents the administrative files of a centre which was responsible for the supply of grain to soldiers and others who were employed in the service of the Han government, and it is evident that strict accounts of receipts and disbursements were maintained on a monthly basis. Presumably the centre was situated near Wayen-torei, where the strips were found, and acted as a forward base for the supply of troops and others deployed in the Han outposts. Two granaries are mentioned by name in the (2) strips. The centre may well have been similar to the forward supply base whose ruins were found by Stein at one of the sites (3) of Tunhuang.

The remarkably large number of fragments collected (4) here covers a period of nearly ten years (90-82 B.C.), and can constitute no more than a fraction of the complete series of monthly statements that were submitted. The same handwriting occurs throughout the period, and the same individuals were concerned with the transactions that are reported. In general, identical formulae are used throughout the material, but some variations are only to be expected in view of the length of the period involved. The strips of W 2 have been classified and arranged as follows:

- (1) Nos.1-4. Titles or captions of the monthly returns. Similar strips, incorporated in one document, appear at regular interv() in 128.2 (see Plate 43 nos.1,17,33 and Plate 44 nos.49,63). There is no means of relating nos.1-4 directly with other individual strips in W 2. (It is possible that no.1 should be included in (6) below).
- (2) Nos.5-67.Indivadual entries for the receipt or disbursement of grain, as reported in monthly allotments over the period (5)
 90-82. Although the years are not always specified, it is possible to date most of the pieces, thanks to the use of the sexagenary cycle, but nos.52-65 and 67 cannot be placed.
 Nos.5-67 can be explained as being either (a) parts of one ledger, in which both receipts and disbursements were entered; or (b) parts of two ledgers, in which the two types of transaction were entered separately. An example of (b) is seen in 562.1 (see Plate 45 nos.3 and 4), where disbursements made on consecutive days are made on the one piece of wood. However, fragments such as nos.68-72 and 89-92 may imply the use of a single ledger for all transactions. (‡t is possible that no.52 should be included in (6) below).
- (3) Nos. 68-72. Totals of the amounts of grain issued in particular months. These cannot be placed in their correct order.

 (4) Nos. 73-80. Captions following the entries made for each month. The use of similar captions to separate parts of long documents is seen in 128.2 (see Plate 43 nos. 8, 12 etc.).

- (5) Nos.81-93.Unplaced fragments, often too small for identification precisely. Some of these pieces may be summaries of the stock carried over from one month to the next (nos. 89-91; cf.128.2, Plates 43-4, nos.2, 34 and 50).
- (6) Nos.94-108. As far as can be ascertained, the fragments included above (nos.1-93) are strips or parts of strips cut to the normal width, in lengths of about one foot (Han). In nos.94-108 (which record individual receipts or disbursements) the handwriting and form is that of the other strips; the same period of time is concerned, and the same individuals are mentioned. However, the strips that were used were wider and (6) markedly longer. The use of different sizes of stationery makes it unlikely that these pieces formed part of exactly the same record as nos.1-93, and the relationship between the two sets of fragments can be explained variously.
 - (a) It can be postulated that two separate sets of documents were drawn up, for concurrent use in respect of two different sections of the supply base. This is probably unlikely, as no such subdivision of the unit is mentioned; despite the weakness of an argument based on negative evidence, it could reasonably be expected, in view of the precise nature of these documents, that such a subdivision would appear on some of the captions that have been found.
 - (b) Nos. 94-108 may represent a draft, i.e. rough notes

that were made immediately after the completion of a transaction, for later inclusion in a report compiled on stationery of standard size. (Alternately nos.1-93 were a draft and nos.94-108 derived from the final copy).

(c) It can be assumed that the return was made out in duplicate, on stationery of different sizes, and that we possess fragments drawn from the two copies.

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No evidence can be found to substantiate either of these suggestions. On balance (c) is thought to be more likely than (b), and in view of the meticulous nature of Han administrative records the maintenance of duplicate copies of a report (8) need occasion no surprise. It will be seen below that a high proportion of errors are detectable in these fragments; these could well be due to careless copying.

In general, strips which record the issue of grain include a specification of the exact purpose of the disbursement, i.e. the number of rations to be supplied; exceptionally, (nos. 14,97 and 102) such details are appended to strips recording the receipt of grain at no. 2 ting. The rendering of no. 93 is incomplete and highly tehtative; the strip cannot be compared with any of the usual types seen in W 2, and may be part of an account of the system whereby the reports were compiled.

Little can be said regarding the nature and organisation of the centre that is involved in these transactions.

The full title, T'ung-tse ti erh t'ing 通 澤 第一亭 implies the existence of a number of t'ing or establishments that were associated with or subordinate to T'ung-tse; this is presumably a geographical name or the title of an official establishment (or both). As Ch'en Chih has pointedout (Ch'en (1) p.58) agricultural t'ing of this type must be distinguished (9) from the civil administrative units of this name. Mori (5) p.143 notes the suggestion (based on the evidence of 273.28) that T'ung-tse was the name of an hou which was subordinate to the T'ien-pei 河山 hou-kuan, but this suggestion must remain unproven.

It will be noted that a granary entitled Tsi-t'ien At features in several strips (e.g. nos.14,41,42,44,50,51,98,100 and 102) as a depot which supplied grain to no.2 t'ing. This name must be associated with the newly evolved agricultural technique of the tai-t'ien, or rotation of land, which is stated to have been put into operation by Chao Kuo from the early part of the Chao ti period (86-74). In this connection considerable interest lies in the statement of the Han-shu that Chao Kuo had the arts of agriculture taught to soldiers and colonists "in the commanderies of the borders, walls (10) extending as far as the xxxx of Chüyen".

No strip gives the total amount of grain received by no.2 ting for a given month. It will be seen from the following list that two named granaries and two other establishments

feature as units from which supplies were drawn, but it cannot be determined how many of these were operative at the same time:

Year	<u>Mo</u>	<u>nth</u>	Granary, or unit	Amount received (in shih)	Reference
89	7	short	?	11.4	13
89	10	short	(an individual)	10	96
89	11	long	Tai-t ⁱ ion	?	14
8 8	1	long	No.4	12	16
87	8	short	No.6	14.5	97
		(11	.)		
86	1	short?	No.6	14.5	23
85	6	long	Hsiang-hu	1 5	28,29
85	11	${ t short}$	Tai-t'ien	14.5	41
85/84	13	long	Tai-t!ien	15	42
84	l	short	Tai-t ien	14.5	44
84	4	long	Hsiang-hu	15	47
84	6	1ong	Tai-t ien	15	50
84	7	short	Tai-t ien	1	51
84/83	12	${ t short}$	Tai-t'ien	11.6	98
83	2	short	?	11.6	99
82	2	long	Tai <i>—</i> t'ien	12	100
82	10	short	?	11.6	101

It will be notived that there is a regular correspondence between the lengths of the months and the amounts drawn from the granaries, i.e. in long months 15 or 12 shih were supplied, but in short months these quantities were reduced to 14.5 and 11.6 shih. This difference can hardly have been accidental, and it seems that no.2 ting was able to estimate its needs in sufficient detail to allow for the requirements of a single day. No certain reason can be provided to explain why consistently larger quantities were drawn between 87 and 84 than at other periods, but it is suggestive that it was during this period that no.2 ting was supplying rations to men who came from distant parts of China and whose presence

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at Wayen-torei may not have been permanent. Probably no. 2

ting was in a position to order the supplies that it needed

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from the granaries in accordance with a vaying situation.

Figures for the total monthly amounts issued by the ting are irregular, varying from 7 to 84 shih, and these amounts cannot be correlated with what is known of the amounts received.

Tt seems probable that between 89 and 85 a change occurred whereby the title of the senior official of the granaries was altered from Ch'ang to Chien had to Chien Individual officials are mentioned in W 2 as holding posts as follows:

00 no.2 <u>t'ing</u>	October 90 to March 82 (see nos. 94 and 100)
OC no.6 (unit or (44) office not stated)	September 87 to February 86 (nos.97 and 23)
Tu-ch'eng,[no.2 t'ing?]	July 85 to May 84 (nos. 29 and 47)
OC no.7 t'ing	October xxx November 90 (nos.6 and 95)
OC Lin tao <u>t'ing</u>	(no.9)
OC Tai t'ien granary	November 89 (no.14)
Supervisor Tai-t'ien granary	December 85 to January 83 (nos.41 and 98)
Supervisor Tai-t'ien granary	March 82 (no.100)
<u>Ku-li</u> , Hsiang-hu gra- nary	July 85 (no.29)
Supervisor, Hsiang-hu granary	November 85 to May 84 (nos.40 and 47)
	OC no.6 (unit or (24) office not stated) Tu-ch'eng,[no.2 t'ing?] OC no.7 t'ing OC Lin tao t'ing OC Tai t'ien granary Supervisor Tai-t'ien granary Supervisor Tai-t'ien granary Ku-li, Hsiang-hu granary Supervisor, Hsiang-hu

Nothing is known regarding the position and function of the posts of tu-ch'eng and ku-li. Yen Shou, OC no.6, may be the same individual as the tu ch'eng of no.2 t'ingrand the two entries shown above for Kuang may refer to the same man.

A significant feature of this document lies in the concurrent use of two notations (ta shih to and hsiao shih to a) for the measurement of grain. The normal ration issued to able-bodied men is expressed in these fragments as .1 shih (on the small scale) or as .06 shih (on the large scale). In a number of instances total quantities of grain are given according to one scale with a conversion made to the other. The interpretation of the two terms ta shih and hsiao shih has been subject to some discussion, and an attempt has been made elsewhere to summarise the views that have been put forward. No change is suggested in the conclusion already reached, that one unit was used to measure both unhusked grains, on the scale of small values and large quantities (hsiao shih), and refined grains, on the scale of large values and small quantities (ta shih).

The subject of the transactions recorded in W 2 is nearly always men , which is seen but rarely in other contexts. Men is to be differentiated from mi , and (16) has been described as a species of red millet.

The <u>nien hao</u> used in the Han calendar to denote the years 92-89 is given in texts such as the <u>Han-shu</u> in the form <u>Cheng ho</u> /IF /AI, but the character /JF is regarded by

Yen seems preferable here, and this has been adopted consistently in the transcriptions. In no.16 the same nien hao is used, somewhat unusually, to denote the year 88; in nos.

97 and 23 the years 87 and 86 are denoted by a number without a nien hao. Although a new enumeration of years had been started from 88, no nien hao had actually been promulgated for general (18) use.

There are a number of other fragments which can be associated with W 2.

- (1) 148.36. This very small piece can probably be identified as part of the same set of records, and can be dated at the fourth month of 88 or 81 (In the latter case it would constitute one of the latest datable fragments in W 2).
- (2) 275.10 and 148.45 are included in Mori (5) and (6) as nos.39 and 40. They are to be related to several other fragments and are studyed here as W 3 nos.1 and 4.
- (3) 11.3 (Mori (5) and (6) no.63) is a fragment whose text is couched in the usual terms, but which was probably inscribed by a different hand. As group 11 is associated with UD, the gragment has not been included here.
- (4) 112.2 (Mori (5) and (6) no.71) is a part of a strip which records the amount of grain in stock, but the figure involved is disproportionately higher than the mmank amounts with which W 2 is concerned. In addition, we group 112 has been identified as deriving from one of the sites at MD.

- (5) 523.13 (Mori (5) and (6) no.72). The site where 523 group was found is unknown, and the fragment is not sufficiently large or clear to warrant inclusion.
- (6) There are in addition four strips which may be associated with Yu+7, who is mentioned repeatedly in W 2 in his capacity of officer in charge of no.2 ting. Details mentioned in of these four strips follow:

No.	Mori (5) (6) no.	Date mentio- ned (month)	Hand- Indivi- writing dual men- tioned	Title men- tioned
88.10	76	89 (10)	Differs from W 2	
308.24	3 8	Cardi Sulfin	Same as Wang王 Yu 88.10 ?	OC no.2 <u>sui</u>
557.8	37	89(12)	Same as Wang Yu W 2 ?	No title
273.28	25	See below	Same as Yu W 2	(19) OC no.2 <u>sui</u> , T'ien-pei [<u>hou</u>]

The wording of 88.10 follows the usual pattern of many of the fragments included in W 2, and the strip could well be part of the same series of records, made out, exceptionally, by a different official. 308.24 is not necessarily concerned with the receipt or distribution of grain at no.2 ting. While 557.8 is concerned with such transactions, it is probably not drawn from the same series of records as W 2.

273.28 is possibly the earliest datable fragment found at Chüyen, but it has unfortunately been broken at a crucial point. The original piece was larger than the usual strips, and may have been of the same dimensions as W2 nos.

94-108. The form of the piece varies from that of the fragments of W 2, and it cannot be identified for certain as part of a record of a transaction in grain. SW, Chia and LK read the initial part of the strip as 三月 河辰 英原年 and Mori inserts D before 三月; if this reading is accepted the strip must be dated in the third month of 103 B.C. Alternately 年 以月 or 十二月 could possibly be read in place of 三月, and in this case the strip could be dated at 93 seventh month (still the earliest datable piece in the material from Chüyen) or at 78 twelfth month.

The most likely conclusion from these strips is that Wang Yu held the post of OC no.2 <u>sui</u> until about 90, when he was appointed officer in charge of no.2 <u>t'ing</u>, T'ung-tse; and that he remained in that capacity until at least 82.

It is tempting to conclude that, having served his time in the forces, Yu was offered a job in a civilian capacity, and settled down as a permanent emigrant to the northwest.

Fragments of a type similar to W 2 which have been found at Tunhuang include Ch.165,484-6,563-6,579 and M 114 (records of the receipt of grain) and Ch.162-4 (statements of stocks held at the end of the month).

Keadings have been adopted in the transcriptions as follows:

(a) p, as the personal name of the official in charge of no.2 ting. SW, Chia and LK read p, which is supported in Ch'en (4). Mori reads p throughout (also Chia in the case of no.93).

- (b) 点 ,meaning "supervisor",in nos.40,41,42,44,47,50,51,53,54,98,100 and 102 (Cf. W 3 no.5). This character is read in SW and Chia and La in LK. Mori reads 点 . For Ea ,see the final word in nos.40,41,42,50,51,53 and 54.
- (c) 林士 生 (nos.19,21,27,33 and 37). SW Chia and LK usually read 校 in place of 村 ,and 校 is preferred by Ch'en Chih (Ch'en (4) s.v.no.2299). The exact meaning of the term is unknown ,but it may refer to men engaged on various forms of labour. 村士 is to be distinguished from (21) ,meaning foot-soldier.
- (d) 库 (nos.29,40,47,52 and 53). This reading is accepted in LK; Mori reads 序 throughout; SW and Chia read 序 序 or 卒. It is possible that the same character is seen in the expression 序 中 (Ch.71,682,693,703 and M 46), which is used to describe split arrow shafts. (see Ch 71 note and Wang (1), Bhih II,39b). The pronunciation of the character is subject to question.

Divisions of the shih A are usually given in (22) W 2 as tou + and exceptionally (e.g.no.97) as shih +.

These terms, together with the further subdivisions of sheng + and fen A, have been omitted in the translations, where quantities are rendered in shih A, by means of the decimal system. The terms ta shih and haiso shih are rendered "(large)" and "(small)".

Dates are expressed by the cyclical sign of the day in question, and that of the first day of the month is (23) added as a checking device. Equivalents according to the

western calendar have been added in the translations where possible (in cases where a period of time is concerned the equivalent is given for the initial day of the period).

The following pairs can possibly be associated together in W 2 as being parts of the same strip: nos.17 and 18; nos.28 and 29; nos.32 and 38; nos.33 and 34; nos.35 and 36; nos. 75 and 76; nos.79 and 80; and nos.85 and 86; and nos. 89 and 84.

A single character is inscribed on the reverse side of no.13, written in the opposite direction from that of the inscription of the obverse side.

The presence of scribal errors can be detected in these fragments as follows:

No.14. The grain was evidently issued for a period of 28 days, but the dates are given for a period of 30 days. In addition $\frac{1}{2}$ has probably been omitted after $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$.

No.16. F is omitted

Nos.23 and 97. 亨 may have been omitted before長 in 第六長.

No.28. A is omitted.

Nos. 29 and 47. Him is omitted finally. (Possibly also in nos. 23 and 97).

No.37. 朔 is probably omitted after 己亥.

No.64. The sign of reduplication has been omitted after A.

No.81. The reading is by no means certain; the best solution is to assume the omission of \overline{A} after /.

No.84. = + is apparently repeated in error.

No.89. 年 is omitted after 四.

No.95. The text at the end should probably read 新已以复史车四人 (cf.nd6). Instead of已以, the strip reads已二 (possibly due to confusion between已 and 日).

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3	308.9	391	1611	499	9	
4	273.20	389	1460	499	3	In SW as 273.24
5	308.46	437	1651	330	41	
6	148.43	393	868	320	15	
7	148.9	395	845	321	***	
8	563.9	384	2541, 1791	319	13	In SW (also Chia 1791) as 363.9
9	308.17	391	1613	320	- saice	
10	148.22	394	855	321	42	
11	148.37	394	850	618		
12	308.43	437	1643	330	43	
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14	557.6	396	2328	322	32	In SW as 337.6; in LK as 552.6
15	275.2	395	1462	321	alle pro	
16	273.9	390	1443	319	19	
17	534.18	383	2302	318C	#ID-	
18	557.10	396	2330	322	44	
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20	308.4	437	1615	330	46	
21	308.34	436	1631	3 30	47	
22	488.5	384	1833	318C	77	

23	278.9	511	1495	338	21	
24	273.10	390	1447	319	48	
25	534.13	437	2307	330	49	
26	148.46	394	872	321	50	
27	275.12	495	1480	336	51	
28	278.8	503	1422	337	78	
29	148.3	394	840	321	3 5	
30	88.26	393	dies tills and.	320	52	
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35	557.2	396	2324	322	55	
36	148.28	395	859	618		
37	275.18	495	1482	336	57	
38	275.5	495	1473	336	56	
39	88.20	392	525	320	79	
40	308.45	437	1637	330	3 3	
41	273.24	389	1467	319	22	In SW as 273.22
42	275.19	395	1483	322	23	In SW, TP, LK as 295.19
43	148.5	394	842	321	80	
44	148.47	394	873	321	24	
45	148.6	395	2543	321	58	
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47	273.8	440	1442	331	26	
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52	148.48	394	875	321	36	
53	563.6	489	2374	3 3 5	34	
54	148.21	395	853	618	83	In LK as 148.12
55	555.11	384	2331	318C	88	
56	148.14	395	851	321		
57	148.2	447	864	332	-	In TP as 140.10
58	148.10	447	848	332		In SW,LK as 140.10; in TP as 148.2
59	148.24	395	867	321	67	In SW as 148.2
60	534.6	437	2300	330		•
61	563.13	384	2400	319	-	In 9W as 565.13
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82	555.15	384	2353	3180		
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85	308.11	391	1650	320	GEEF WICH	
86	278.10	503	1477	337	their sage.	In S W as 278.18
87	308.41	437	1639	330	Miles epops	
88	273.11	390	1449	320	3/IC 400-	
89	488.3	384	1832	3180	69	
90	273.4	390	1440	319	70	
91	273.22	389	1466	319	68	
92	88.25	393	530	320	74	
93	273.25	389	1458	319	7 5	
94	148.1) 148.42)	447	838 839	332	14	Not fitted together in Chia

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Notes:

- (1) The earliest date mentioned in a strip found at Chüyen is 102 B.C. (303.39,513.23), but the text probably refers to events of the past and was written after that date (see Mori (5) p.153 note 4).273.28, whose association with W 2 is considered below, may be dated as early as 103 or 93.
- (2) See MD 2 no.6 and MD 3 no.3 for references to granaries at Chüyen and Chien shui, and MD 1 no.25 for the Ch'eng granary 本意。88.14, found at W, can probably be identified as a label or caption of a document belonging to the Ch'eng granary, and it is thus possible that this establishment was situated near Wayen torei.
- (3) See Serindia II, p.712f., for a description of a large ruin at T.XVIII. Stein's identification of the building as a "magazine" rests both on the structure and on the content of the strips that were found there.
- (4) Many of these have been included in a special study by Mori (See Mori (5); facsimiles of the strips in question are reproduced in Mori (6).
- (5) The period can possibly be extended to 81; see no.66.
- (6) The full length of these strips is about 38 cm. (1.65 feet Han). It will be seen that the handwriting is slightly larger than that of nos.1-93. As stated above, nos.1 and 52 should possibly be included here.
- (7) It is possible that no.95 records the same transaction

- as nos.7 or 8, but the name T'ung-tse, which is seen in no.8 does not occur in no.95.
- (8) See Ventris and Chadwick for an example of the maintenance elsewhore of early archive material in duplicate.
- (9) For the <u>t'ing</u>, see <u>K'ao</u> pp.41-2, and Hulsewe (1) pp.9-10, and Miyazaki, <u>Les villes en Chine à l'époque des Han</u> (<u>T'oung Pao</u> XLVIII pp.376f.)
- (10) HS XXIV A,17a-19a; Swann pp.184-191; Ch'en (1) pp.51-3. In Kaogu 1960,8 p.37 Ch'en Chih corrects a statement that appeared in K'aogu 1960,1 to the effect that the tai t'ien technique was in operation at Chüyen in the last few years of Wu ti. However, if the date suggested for no.14 below is accepted, the tai-t'ien granary existed at Chüyen in 89.
- (11) See notes to nos. 23 and 66 below.
- (12) I.e.men from the chin of Shu and Chien-wei who are described as ts'ai shih 🖈 🛨 (for this term see below); see nos. 27, 33, 34, 35, 37 and 38, dated between the sixth and ninth months of 85.
- (13) See Mori (5) pp.144f. The change may not have been general or permanent, as ch'ang is seen in MD 2 no.6 and MD 3 no.3, and these can hardly be dated before 85. The reading chien is discussed below.
- (14) The reading Yu, and the identity of this individual are discussed below.

(15) See Grain measurement pp. 78f. Utsunomiya's view, that actual measures of different sizes were used, is also taken by Ch'en Chih (Kaogu 1960,8 p.38, in reply to the opposite view as asserted by Ch'en Kung-jou 酶公至 and Had P'ing-fang 株草芳 in Kaogu 1960,1); 頂公柔 and Had P'ing-fang 作草芳 in Kaogu 1960,1); Tso Ming 作 缩 (Kaogu 1960,10 p.53); and Kao Tzu-ch'iang (Kaogu 1962,2 pp.92f.). Kao cites two standard which he believes to be examples of small measures, as the volume can be estimated at three fifths that of other known Han measures: the size of the pre-Ch(in measure can be related to other small units whose existence is postulated by Sekino Takeshi 関野雄 (see <u>Toyo gakuh</u>o 東洋學報 XXXV (1953) nos.3-4 pp.1-30, for the existence of short and long foot measures during the Ch'in period, measuring 18 cm. and 22.5 cm. respectively; and Toyo bunka kenkyūjo kiyō 東洋文化游究所紀要 VII (1955) pp.1-35 for the existence of different units of weight during the Ch'in period.).

- (16) (Ch'en Chih in Kaogu 1960,8 p. 38.
- (17) See Hsia pp.235-8 and Ch'en (2) p.18.
- (18) For this question see Notes pp. 317-8.
- (19) Mori incorrectly reads ting in place of sui.
- (20) The identity of the two officials is suggested in Mori (5) p.147.
- (21) See Yang (1) p.112.
- (22) See Grain measurement pp.87f.
- (23) See Notes pp.308f.

Alternately it can be assumed that the character Eta has been erroneously omitted after the name Yen Shou in nos.23 and 97 as elsewhere (e.g.nos,29 and 47). In this case, the translations given below for nos.25 and 97 should read: "...from no.6,[in the presence of] Yen Shou "in place of "...from Yen Shou, OC no.6,"; and Yen Shou should not be identified as the OC of no.6.

通澤第二亭五月食祭轉

澤第二台了人月食好事

通澤第二号十月食時

出奪少石土石六十 九月戏長朔戏辰通潭

石六斗 九月戊辰朔戊辰通澤第二亭長郵付第七亭長病已以食吏卒四人

十月丁西

出來二十二石

西朔丁西通澤第二亭長野

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出麥七百五十石

延和四年五月

六月葵已朔

名七 石四丰

為大石六石八十四升

延和四年人月癸亥朔己丑第二亭長野受口口口口

七月葵亥朔以食亭卒五人癸亥里四年卯世九日 續百世五人

郵受代田長領以食吏士四人辛西盡庚寅世八日積百一十二人

入蘇小石土石為大石人石二斗延和五年正月度申朔度到潭第一亭長野受口口第四長朱 出蘇小石三石為大石三石八斗以食卒三人十二月年卯盡庚子十日積世人"六升

出奉大石一石八十

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臨遍亭長光以食四人

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W2

出秦义石二斗

六月丁已朔以食昌邑村士四人黑蓝两时世日粮百廿人"六升

四一人四月水午盡丁亥世日積世人一六升

食吏卒四人八月 丙辰盡己

出來大石一石八斗 以食吏人士月己卯朔己卯

人麻《名苗石五斗為大石八石上斗三年正月己卯朔辛已第二亭長 野受第六長延去計

大石九石 以食吏卒五人四月丁未盡一两子世日精百五十人"六升

以食吏卒五人十月甲辰朔甲辰盡

出秦若一石之十四升以食吏一人関月甲戊盡生寅廿九日横廿九人一六升人……

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昌邑村士三人七月年已黑蓝度巧世日横九十人"六什

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入聚治士五石始元二年六庚年朔癸酉第 ··

二亭長郵受库朝主倉故吏建都及延喜时

始元二年又月英子朔以食吏一人盡吃辰七日村世九人二六升

出黎大石石之十四升

始元三年八月己巴朔以食吏

出麻失石三石四十八十

始元二年八月己巴朔以食蜀材七二人盡过过世日 積

六十人"六升

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始元二年八月己已朔以食樓為口

出秦大石三石四十八分

始元二年九月己亥以食四旬村七二人甚過丁卯七九日積五十八人"六升 盡戊戌世日

出麥小石五石四斗

始元二年十月戊辰朔以 ··· 始元二年九月己亥朔以食樓為南部七八里過丁卯世九日積五六人"

年十月戊辰朔戊辰第二亭長野受库胡倉監建都必延書时臨

入樂岩面石平地元二年七月戊戌朔戊戌第二亭長野受代田倉監光都必延喜時臨

始元二年十二月丁卯朔以食吏八人盡

十五石姓元二年十二月丁卯朔丁卯第二亭長野受代田 倉監光都弘監

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始元三年四月己丑朔以食吏一人盡甲午出日積世人一六升

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始元三年二月两寅朔以食吏

大石一石八十

出麻类石石上斗四什 小石士五石始元三年四月乙丑朔两寅第二亭長郵受库胡倉監建都必延壽 始元三年五月己未朔以食吏一人盡受亥廿九日積廿九人二六什

始元三年六月甲子朔以食戏田卒四人黑迎癸已世日横百廿人"六什

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人麻治盂石始元三年六月甲子朔甲子第二亭長野受代田倉監光都多臨

入聚治十日 始元三年人月甲午朔甲午第二亭長郵受代田倉監都 弘臨

受库明倉故吏建

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出來大石六石九十六十以食昌

两寅第二章長郵受 ···

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出秦大石上石五升

始 0

日

出麻大石玉石四斗

以食成田卒噩要亥廿九日粮百十六人、、

西世日積百廿人

六升

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日積百千人"六升

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長野受库明倉監建都至延善時臨

監都匹臨

百五十人"六升

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百世五人六升

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日積口口人一六升二口:6

戏寅盡两午廿九日横廿九人一六升

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日賴百十六人一六升

月出穀小石宝石為大石九石

·月十月出製小石八十四石

月出報义石一十四升以食

·凡九月出穀世七石三

+月

月出穀十二石??

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W2 右第二亭四月食 右 右第二亭二月食煙

第二亭三月食等

婚

右第二章

右第一事六月食公轉

右第二亭六月食等

十月食等

大石八七丰

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··· 糜个石三石九十 ···

大斗三斗三斗一什二分

斗五斗二升為大斗

三年一十二分

為大石十石上斗五什二分

小石一石二十

受延和四六月簿餘穀小斗五十二升為

·· 年十二月似導蘇製小斗二十二十

受延和三年十月衛縣穀小石五十五石二十

凡出穀大石九石其一石五斗麥又石五斗麼

今六月公轉母餘

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府食以八月出穀到延和四年二月十五日度盡蘇口小斗二斗

出蘇北石七百石 出蘇出三石二十

延和三年十月丁西朔丁西第三亭長郵付第上亭長病已食吏卒四人

延和三年八月戊戌朔己未第二亭長郵付屬國百長千長

大石六石

為小石十石 延和四年十月五辰朔癸巴第二亭長郵受將軍從吏德

人糜大石八石以斗為七石十四石五什一年八月年亥朔辛亥第二亭長郵受第六長進書时 以食吏卒五人六升辛亥盡己卯廿九日積百出五人

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土石六斗

入棄小石土石六斗 始元三年二月至成朔生成通澤第二亭長郵受代田倉監光

好元四年一月年西

始元五年二月甲申朔丙戌第二亭長野受代田倉監隻

人麻水省七石

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己丑朔第二事長野受代田倉監隻

入樂小石十五

入糜小石十二石

入糜省生石為大石人石二斗

入糜小石土石

姓和

入糜六石四十二升

始?

入糜小石七石六斗

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其六石以食口亭二人四 107 106 105 104 103

- Register of food supplies for the first month, no. 2 ting, T'ung-tse.
- 2 Register of food supplies for the fifth month, no. 2 ting, T'ung-tse.
- 4 Register of food supplies for the tenth month, no. 2 ting, T'ung-tse.
- 5 Issued:red millet 11.6 shih (small);...T'ung-tse ...
 on wu ch'en, ninth month (first day wu ch'en) ...
 [12 October 90 B.C.]
- 66 shih; delivered by Yu, OC no.2 ting, T'ung-tse, to Ping i, OC no.7 ting, as rations for four officers and men, on wu chien, ninth month (first day wu chien)
 [12 October 90]
- 7 Issued: red millet 12 shih (small); ...tenth month
 [(first day] ting yu) ... [10 November 90]
- 8 ...by Yu, OC no. 2 ting, T'ung-tse,...on ting yu ...

 (first day [ting] yu) ...

 [? 10 November 90]
- 9 ...[to] Kuang, OC Lin-tao ting, as rations for four officers.
- 10 Issued: wheat 50 shih (small); ...fifth month, fourth year of Yen ho ... [89]
- 11 ... sixth month (first day kuei ssu) ... [3 July 89]

- 12 ...seventh month (first day <u>kuei hai</u>), as rations for five men of the <u>t'ing</u>, for the period of twenty-none days, from <u>kuei hai</u> to <u>hsin mac</u> inclusive, amounting to a hundred and forty five men,...each [2 August 89]
- 13 ...:red millet 11.4 shih (small), equalling 6.84 shih
 (large); accepted by Yu, OC no.2 t'ing, from ... on i ch'ou,
 seventh month (first day kuei hai), fourth year of Yen
 ho.
 [4 August 89]
- 14 ...accepted by Yu from Ch'i, OC the Tai t'ien[granary];
 as rations for four officers and men, for the period of
 twenty-eight days, from hsin_yu to keng_yin [sic] inclusive,
 amounting to a hundred and twelve men [28 November 89?]
- Issued:red millet 3 shih (small), equalling 1.8 shih (large), as rations for three men, for the period of ten days, from hain mao to keng tzu inclusive, twelfth month; amounting to thirty men, at .06 shih each.

 [28 December 89]
- Received: red millet 12 shih (small), equalling 7.2 shih (large); accepted by Yu, OC no.2 t'ing, T'ung tse, from Chu, OC ...no.4, on keng [shen], first month (first day keng shen), fifth year of Yen ho. [26 January 88]
- 17 Issued: red millet 1.8 shih (large) ...
- 18 ...one man, for the period of thirty days, from wu wu to ting hai inclusive, fourth month, amounting to thirty men, at .06 shih each. [24 May 88]
- 19 Issued: red millet 7.2 shih; sixth month (first day ting ssu), as retions for four [picked men?] from Ch'ang-i [kuo].

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amol	ıntir	ng	to	a	hun	adred	and	twenty	men,	at .	. 66	shir	<u>]</u> .
each	Դ.									[:	88 t	July	88]

- 20 ...as rations for four officers and men ...from <u>ping</u>

 <u>ch'en</u> to <u>i</u> ... inclusive, eighth month ... [19 September 88?]
- ...three [picked men?] from Ch'ang-i [kuo], for the period of thirty days, from hsin ssu to keng hst inclusive, seventh month, amounting to minety men, at .06 shin each.

 [10 August 87]
- Issued: red millet 1.8 shih (large); as rations for one officer ...[from] chi mao, eleventh month (first day chi mao) ... [6 December 87]
- Received: red millet 14.5 shih (small), equalling 8.7 shih (large); accepted by Yu, OC no.2 t'ing, from Yen Shou, OC no.6, on hsin ssu, first month (first day chi mao), third year.

 [6 February 86]
- 24 ...[equalling] 9 shih (large); as rations for five officers and men, for the period of thirty days, from ting wei to ping tzu inclusive, fourth month; amounting to a hundred and fifty men, at .06 shih each. [3 May 86]
- 25 ...as rations for five officers and men ...from chia ch'en to ...inclusive, tenth month (first day chia ch'en)...

 [27 October 86]
- Issued: red millet 1.74 shih (large), as rations for one officer, for the period of twenty-nine days, from chia had to jen yin inclusive, intercalary month, amounting to

- twenty nine men at .06 shih each. [26 November 86]
- Issued: red millet 3.6 shih (large); sixth month (first day keng wu), second year of Shih yuan, as rations for two [picked men?] from Shu [chun], for the period of thirty days, to chi hai inclusive, amounting to sixty men, at .06 shih each. [19 July 85]
- 28, Received: red millet 15 shih (small); accepted by Yu, 29

 OC no. 2 t'ing, from Chien, ku-li of the [Hsiang?]-hu main granary, [in the presence of Yen Shou, tw-ch'eng, on kuei yu, sixth [month] (first day keng wu), second year of Shih yuan.

 [22 July 85]
- Jasued: red millet 1.74 shih (large); seventh month (first day keng tzu), second year of Shih ydan; as rations for one officer, for the period of twenty-nine days, to wu ch'en inclusive, amounting to twenty nine men, at .06 shih each.

 [18 August 85]
- 318 shih; eighth month (first day chi sau), second year of Shih ydan, as rations for ... officer/s ... [16 September 85]
- 32 Issued: red millet 3.48 shih (large) ...
- ...eighth month (first day chi ssu), second year of Shih
 ydan, as rations for two [picked men?] from Shu [chun],
 for the period of thirty days, to wu had inclusive,
 amounting to sixty men, at .06 shih each [16 September 85]

- 35 Issued: red millet 3.6 shih (large); eighth month (first day chi ssu), second year of Shih ydan, as rations for ... of Chien-wei [chin] ... [16 September 85]
- 36 ... of thirty days to wu had inclusive ...
- Issued: red millet 3.48 shih (large); ninth month (first day chi hai), second year of Shih yuan, as rations for two [picked men?] from Shu [chun], for the period of twenty nine days to ting mao inclusive, amounting to fifty eight men, at .06 shih each. [16 October 85]
- ...ninth month (rirst day chi hai), second year of Shih yüan, as rations for two (officers of the forward sector?) Chien-wei [chün], for the period of twenty nine days to ting mao inclusive, amounting to fifty eight men at ...each.
 [16 October 85]
- 39 Issued: wheat 5.4 shih (small); tenth month (first day wu ch'en), second year of Shih yuan, as ... [14 November 85]
- 40 ...accepted by Yu, OC no.2 t'ing, from Chien, supervisor of the [Hsiang?] hu granary, in the presence of Yen Shou, tu
 ch'eng, on www wu ch'en, tenth month (first day wu ch'en),

 ...year ...

 [14 November 85]
- Al Received: red millet 14.5 shih (small); accepted by Yu,

 OC no.2 t'ing, from Kuang, supervisor of the Tai-t'ien

 granary, in the presence of Yen Shou, tu-ch'eng, on wu had,

 eleventh month (first day wu had), second year of Shih

 ydan.

 [14 December 85]

- 42 ... 15 shih; accepted by Yu, OC no. 2 t'ing, from Kuang, supervisor of the Tai-t'ien granary, in the presence of the tu-ch'eng, on ting mao, twelfth month (first day ting mao), second year of Shih yüan. [12 January 84]
- 43 ...twelfth month (rirst day ting mao), second year of Shih ydan, as rations for one officer ...inclusive ...

 [12 January 84]
- 44 Received: red millet 14.5 shih (small); accepted by Yu,

 OC no.2 t'ing, from Kuang, supervisor of the Tai-t'ien

 granary, on ting yu, first month (first day ting yu), third

 year of Shih ytan.

 [11 February 84]
- 45 ...second month (rirst day ping yin), third year of

 Shih yüan, as rations for ...officer/s ... [12 March 84]
- 46 ...1.8 shih (large); fourth month (first day i ch'ou), third year of Shih yüan, as rations for one officer, for the period of thirty days to chia wu inclusive, amounting to thirty men at .06 shih each. [10 May 84]
- 47 ... 15 shih (small); accepted by Yu, OC no. 2 ting, from Chien, supervisor of the [Hsiang?]—hu granary, [in the presence of] Yen Shou, tu-ch'eng, on ping yin, fourth month (first day i ch'ou), third year of Shih yüan. [11 May 84]
- 48 Issued: red millet 1.74 shih (large); fifth month (first day i wei), third year of Shih ydan, as rations for one officer, for the period of twenty nine days, to kuei hai inclusive, amounting to twenty nine men, at .06 shih each.

 [9 June 84]

- ...sixth month (first day chia tzu), third year of Shih yüan, as rations for four guardsmen and fieldsmen, for the period of thirty days, to kuei ssu inclusive, amounting to a hundred and twenty men, at .06 shih each. [8 July 84]
- Received: red millet 15 shih (small); accepted by Yu, OO no. 2 t'ing, from Kuang, supervisor of the Tai t'ien granary, in the presence of the tu-ch'eng, on chia tzu, sixth month (first day chia tzu), third year of Shih ydan. [8 July 84]
- Received: red millet ... (small); accepted by Yu, OC no. 2

 t'ing, from the supervisor of the Tai t'ien granary, in

 the presence of the tu-ch'eng, on chia wu, seventh month

 (rirst day chia wu), third year of Shih yuan. [7 August 84]
- 52 ...accepted from Chien, ku-li of the [Hsiang?]-hu granary.
- 53 ...accepted by Yu, OC ..., irom Chien, supervisor of the [Hsiang?]—hu granary, in the presence of Yen Shou, tuchieng.
- 54 ... supervisor ..., in the presence of the tu-ch'eng.
- 55 ... accepted on [ping?] yin by Yu, OC no. 2 ting ...
- 56 Issued: red millet 6.96 shih (large); as rations for ... of Ch'ang-[i kuo] ...
- 57 Issued: red millet 7.05 shih (large) ... Shih [yuan] ...
- 58 Issued: red millet 5.4 shih (large) ...
- 59 ...days, amounting to a hundred and twenty men at .06 shih each.
- of twenty nine days, to kuei hai inclusive, amounting to a hundred and sixteen men ...

- 6l06 <u>shih</u> ...
- 62 ... thirty days to ... yu [inclusive], amounting to a hundred and twenty men ...
- 63 ... a hundred and fifty men at .06 shih each.
- 64 ... a hundred and forty five men, at .06 shih [each].
- 65 ...days, amounting to ...men, at .06 shih each ...two ...
- 66 ...twenty nine days, from [wu yin] to ping wu inclusive, amounting to twenty nine men, at .06 shih each
 [4 April 86 or 7 May 81 ?]
- 67 ...days, amounting to a hundred and sixteen men, at .06 shih each.
- 68 Total of grain issued: 7.14 shih; as rations for ...
- 69 Total of grain issued for the tenth month: 84 shih (small) .
- 70 Total of grain issued: 15 shih (small) equalling 9 shih (large) ...
- 71 Total of grain issued for the ninth month: 47.3 shih ...
- 72 Total of grain issued:12 shih. Tenth month ...
- 73 Foregoing is the register of food supplies, no. 2 ting, for the second month.
- 74 Foregoing is the register of food supplies, no. 2 ting, for the third month.
- 75 Foregoing is the register of food supplies, no. 2 ting, 76 for the fourth month.
- 77 Foregoing is the register of food supplies, no. 2 ting, for the sixth month.
- 78 Foregoing is the register of food supplies, no. 2 ting, for the sixth month.

- 79 Foregoing is the register of food supplies, no. 2 ting, 80 for the tenth month.
- 81 ... [8.7 shih ?] (large) ...
- 82 ... red millet 3.9 shih (small) ...
- 83 ...5.22 <u>shih</u> ...
- 84312 shih (large) ...
- 8552 <u>shih</u> ([small]) equalling ...(large) ...
- 86312 <u>shih</u> ...
- 87 ...equalling 10.752 shih (large)
- 88 ... 1.2 <u>shih</u> (small).
- 89 Meceived, grain stocks in hand as on the register for the sixth month, fourth [year] of Yen ho: .52 shih (small), equalling ... [89 B.C.]
- 90 ... grain stocks in hand as on the register for the twelfth month ... year ...: .22 shih (smell).
- 91 Received, grain stocks in hand as on the register for the eleventh month, third year of Yen ho: 55.2 shih (small) [90 B.C.]
- 92 [Total?] amount of grain issued: 9 shih (large), comprising 1.5 shih wheat and 7.5 shih red millet. Present register for the sixth month: no stocks in hand.
- 93 ...food supplies for the [tu_wei]-fu, taking grain issued in the eighth month, reckoning through to the fifteenth day of the second month of the fourth year of Yen ho; stock in hand2 shih (small).

- Issued: red millet 43.2 shih; delivered by Yu, OC no.2 ting, to chien dependent to chien chien and po chien of the protected states

 ...on chi wei, eighth month (first day wu hst), third

 year of Yen ho.

 [3 October 90]
- Issued: red millet 12 shih (small); delivered by Yu, OC no.2 t'ing, to Ping i, OC no.7 t'ing, as rations for four officers and men, on ting yu, tenth month (first day ting yu), third year of Yen ho. [10 November 90]
- 96 ... 6 shih (large), equalling 10 shih (small); accepted by Yu, OC no. 2 t'ing, from Te, aide to the general, on kuei sau, tenth month (first day jen ch'en), fourth year of Yen ho.

 [1 November 89]
- 97 Received: red millet 8.7 shih (large), equalling 14.5 shih (small); accepted by Yu, OC no.2 ting, from Yen Shou, OC no.6, on hain hai, eighth month (first day hain hai), second year; as rations for five officers and men, at .06 shih each; for the period of twenty nine days, from hain hai to chi mao inclusive, amounting to a hundred and forty five men.

 [9 September 87]
- 98 ...11.6 shih; accepted by Yu, OC no.2 ting, T'ung-tse, from Kuang, supervisor of the Tai-t'ien granary, on jen hst, twelfth month (first day jen hst), third year of Shih ytan.

 [2 January 83]
- 99 Received: red millet 11.6 shih (small); ...second month ([first day] hsin yu), fourth year of Shih ydan
 ... [2 March 83]

- Received: red millet 12 shih (small); accepted by Yu, OC 100 no.2 ting, from Chih, supervisor of the Tai-tien granary, on ping had, second month (first day chia shen), fifth year of Shih yüan [22 March 82]
- Received: red millet 11.6 shih (small); ...tenth month 101 ([first day] hsin [ssu]), fifth year of Shih ydan [12 November 82]
- 102 ...accepted by Yu, OC no. 2 ting, from Chih, supervisor of the Tai-t'ien granary, on chi ch'ou, first day of the month; of this amount, 6 shih were for rations for two ...t'ing. [29 May 83 ?]
- 103 Received: red millet 15 shih (small) ...
- 104 Received: red millet 12 shih (small) ...
- 105 Received: red millet 12 shih (small), equalling 7.2 shih (large) ...
- Received: red millet 12 shih (smell); ... of Shih [yttan] ... 106
- Received: red millet 6.42 shih; ... of Yen ho ... 107
- Received: red millet 11.6 shih (small); ... of [Shih yden] 1.08

Notes

(Readings adopted in Mori (5) and (6) are preceded by M. An asterisk * indicates those strips where scribal errors may have occurred (see pp.680 above))

- 3 LA SW Chia LK 十月
- 4 亭 SW 亭長 5 戊辰朔戊辰 SW 戊辰 LK 口口朔口口 通澤上版通口

For the reading # here and subsequently, see p. 678 X SW Chia LK +

西 SW Chia M 口 LK 口

The strip is probably to be dated at the same time as no.7; other possibilities are the ninth month of 95 or the third month of 84.

12 人月 SW Chia LK 十月 Mori adds 六 升 efter 人=

13 康 SW LR 厦

為大石冷W,LK 口口口口

人月 SW LK 十月

妈 LK omits

乙丑肽乙亥

口口口口口SWIKM却道隊長

14*庚寅Ch'en (4) 戊子

廿八M 世

15 座 SW Chia LK 栗

车 SW omits

三六升SW Chia 口口口

16* 入 SW, LK 出

朔度sw Lik 朔庚申

二亭SWIK二十亭 口口SW Chia LK部農 M却朝僕

18 植 LK 龜

A kingdom of Ch'ang-i 冒邑 existed in part of the 19 chun of Shan-yang 山 陽 from 97 to 74 (HS XXVIII A2 34a; and HS XIV, 21a)

For the reading there and subsequently, see p. 679 世 SW IK 三十 20 食 SW Chia LK 長 記 人月 SW Chia LK 十月 22 康 SW Chin庫 LK 栗 For the dating of this strip see Notes p.317 and For an alternative interpretation, see W2 Introduction, note (24). no.66 below. 24 世日 SW In omit 25 吏 M 成 26出歷大石 M 口 以食吏一人Momits 27 世 SW LK 三十 28*十五石 SW 小五百 For the reading / here and subsequently, see p.679 都 SW 部 聚 SW LK 栗 以负重一人SW以一复重 31 八十 SW Chia M 日 斗 32八升 SW Chia 六升 33 H SW Chia + 35 模 M 捷 (also in no.38). 捷 is the form that appears in extant versions of texts (e.g. HS XXVIII A3,73b; and Hua-yang-kuo-chih 華陽國志、III, BSS ed.p. 38); however t is seen in contemporary Han material (e.g.inscription

no.6, dated 148 A.D., in the heading and columns 9 and 11;

inscription no.18, dated 168, f.8a in Hst; and on a seal

reproduced in <u>Bokubi</u> no.24,(1953) p.[29]).

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36 畫 SW Chia omit
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38 Madds六针after 人=

39 以 脈 利

40 十月 811 十一月

For the reading in here and subsequently, see p. 679

建whia以書

41 X LK /\

光 SW Chia LK 見

42 十五LK 五

朔尔尔K omits

光 SW Chia 見 LK 口

43 点 EK 三 SW Chia M omit

44 朔丁西州朔

光 SW LK 見 Chia 之 Ch'en (4) suggests that the character is a variant of 乞

45 丙寅SW 丙宣

46 畫 以造

47*

48 廿九SW LK 十 九

49 三年LK 年 戌田 SW 田

盡癸巳郎城畫廿六已

50甲子LK 口口 一亭LK 三塢 光 SW LK 見 55 丙寅SW Chia口追LK內寬M口寅.If 丙寅 is correct, the fragment could refer to the first day of the first month of 89 or the second month of 84.

57 石五 SW Chia LK 十二 始口 SW Chia LK 河平三年四月 58 口 SW Chia LK 以复卒

60 天文 SW Chia LK 村 .If 天文 is accepted, the fragment can be dated at the fifth month of the third year of Shih ydan (cf.no48)

62 西世月 SW LK 口口 日

63 人= SW omits

64*百世sw 世 IK 百 世

65 SW reads 候十二人_五半共八二口 LK reads 口候十二人_五斗共二口

66 戊寅 SW LK Chia 日日. The strip can be dated in 81 (as by Mori), and in this case it would be the latest dateable piece in W 2. Alternately 86 may be a possible date. It has been suggested in connection with no. 23 (see Notes p. 317 note2) that a slight alteration is necessary in the calendar as reconstructed for that year, and it is possible that this should take the following form:

As usually given

| Year | month | mon

In this case no.66 can be explained as applying to the third month of 86.

84*

92 A出 SW Chia LK·出 M 口出

口 SW Chia IK M 有

94 世 SW 回

八月 Chia 八 口

對 Sic Chia. Ch'en (4) s.v.no.839 prefers 否

百長千長M 午長百長.The two terms, i.e. heads of the thousands and the hundreds, feature as leaders among Hsiung nu tribes (HS XCIV A,7a). They are also seen as officials entitled to wear emblems of Han official authority in states of the western regions which had accepted Han protection (HS XCVI B, 36a).

95米·L.专LK 十亭

已 SW Chia M 已 LK 已已

96 大石六石 SW Chia 日六名 M 六石石十石 日一石十石 日一石十石 日一石十石 Y7* 六長 SW 六亭長

人二六升 SW 人二六十 For an alternative interpretation, see 14-29 Introduction, note (24).

99 丰 116 针

100 隻 SW 見

101 斗 8W 升

辛 SW Chia LK 口

102 隻 SW LK 栗

口喜 SW Chia LK 小喜

Chi ch'ou fell on the first day of the twelfth month, 84, and the fifth month, 83; Kuang is mentioned as the supervisor of the Tai-t'ien granary for the twelfth month of 84 (see no.98), and Chih held that post from

at least the second month of 82 (see no.100); the strip can thus be dated, probably, in the fifth month of 83.

106 糜 sw ⁄ ⁄ ģ 始 sw Chin 幾

107 摩 SW LK 口

延知 SW LK 長口

108 始 SW LK omit

(Plate 10)

Introduction

This report was originated by Yu p, who features frequently in W 2 as the officer in charge of no.2 ting. The two documents were almost certainly made out by the same hand, i.e. that of Yu himself, and it has (1) been suggested by Mori that he is to be identified with the Wang Yu p who is mentioned in 308.24 and 557.8. It seems that armed men broke into the establishment under Yu's charge, and that he successfully fought the intruders and brought them under control. The final word in no.1 may suggest that an arrest took place, and no.5 may indicate that the report of the incident was prepared for forwarding to judiciary officials.

Nos.2 and 3 can probably be fitted together (3) (no.2 overlapping no.3); and there are two other fragments (88.9 and 275.13) which may be associated with this document.

1	275.10	495	1479	102	Mori (5) and (6) no.39
2	148.26) 308.29)	394 394	1635	174	In SW, Chia as 148.20
3	308.37	391	1681	400	
4	148.45	447	870	175	Mori (5) and (6) no.40
5	148.44	393	871	85	

Notes:

- (1) This question is discussed in W 3 Introduction or p.677.
- (2) The meaning of the phrase 監 結 in no.5 is not understood.Of.HS LXXVI,19b (in respect of Wang Tsun 王 亨):太宇奇之族補書佐署宇屬監 結大Yen Shih-ku (581-645)took this passage as meaning that Wang Tsun was ordered to supervise the prison.
- (3) Alternately 308.21 could be fitted to no.2, but this is less likely in view of the width or the fragments.

不 知何人二男子脚一刀 劍持縣官六

· 石势一高不

持劍格傷不知何一男子左

4

敢言之以亭次傳監獄

5

拔刀劍

副

以於

捕

I

2

7_

3

W 3 Translation

- 1 Report submitted ...by Yu, OC no.2 ting, on wu chien, tenth month (first day chia chien), first year of shih yuan. Arrest [20 November 86 B.C.]
- two males,unknown,carrying swords and holding one
 officially owned bow,of six shih strength,and ...kao
 [type arrows] ...
- 4 I, Yu, drew a sword and fought; I struck with the sword carried, wounding one man, unknown, in the [left?]
- 5 beg leave to submit this report. For relay delivery to the [supervisor of prisons?]

Notes

- 5 監 SW LK 口 Chia 馬克. The reading 证 is supported by similar examples in W 2.

X 1 (Plate 13)

Introduction

These fragments of mail registers, which probably derive from Tsakhortei, may include the latest date able Han documents found at Chüyen.

No number is given for no.2 in SW,TP or LK; both in these books and in Chia the strip is associated with the long report of 77 strips to which the binding strings were still attached at the time of discovery. In the index to SW, the reference numbers 1.1-1.78 are given for all these strips; in Chia, these are given as 128.1,128.2; in neither case is it stated which number refers to which document. In Sommarström Plate XIX the number 128.21 is attached to the complete roll and 128.22? to no.2 as shown here. In these notes, 128.1 has been arbitrarily adopted for the single strip shown as no.2, and 128.2 for the complete roll of 77 strips (see Plates 43-44).

The single strip 128.1 has thus been linked with the complete roll, which was found, according to Sommarström (p.294) at Tsakhortei. However, an association of 128.1 and 128.2 together as part of the same document is unacceptable. Whereas 128.2 is complete, 128.1 bears one entry only, from a document that must have consisted of a number of strips. 128.1 can hardly refer to the handling of 128.2, as the dates do not coincide (128.1 mentions a date in 98 A.D.; 128.2 consists of reports

dated during the period 93-95).

A number of differences among the fragments shown here may lead to the conclusion that they derive from several registers:

- (1) Several hands may be concerned. 重 is written in full in no.2, whereas an abbreviated form appears elsewhere. A further difference is seen in the words 元元 in nos. 1 and 2.
- (2) Different details are given; no.1 alone describes the method of delivery; and a statement of the condition of the mail is included in nos.2 and 5 only.
- (3) The phrase # is seen in no.6 only, and contrasts with the λ # and λ is seen in no.6 only, and contrasts with the λ # and λ is seen in no.6 only, and contrasts with the λ # and λ is seen in no.6 only, and contrasts with the λ if and λ is seen in no.6 only, and contrasts with the λ if and λ is seen in no.6 only, and contrasts with the λ if and λ if and λ if and λ is seen in no.6 only, and contrasts with the λ if and λ if any interval λ in the latter λ if any interval λ is any interval λ if any interval λ if any interval λ is any interval λ if any interval λ if any interval λ is any interval λ if any interval λ if any interval λ is any interval λ if any interval λ if any interval λ is any interval λ if any interval λ if any interval λ in the latter λ if any interval λ is any interval λ if any interval λ if any interval λ is any interval λ if any interval λ if any interval λ is any interval λ if any interval λ if any interval λ is any interval λ if any interval λ is any interval λ if any in
- (4) The dates that are mentioned may cover a period of as long as fifteen years. Nos. 1 and z can be dated for certain in 89 and 98; assuming that no. 3 is in the Han period it can be placed in 40,73 or 104.

Despite these differences the fragments are best considered together, in view of the great similarity of form, handwriting and layout, which vary considerably from some of the other registers (MD 2, MD 3, TD 1, TD 2).

Parallels to the phrases 入南, 入 北 are seen in the headings of similar fragments found at Tunhuang:

Oh 275,[316?],367,614 and 615.

The form of the character 人 has been clarified in this document and is more clearly distinct than usual from 十 (see no.3 六月 十人日; also 128.2 no.60, Plate 44).

According to no.1, mail originated by the <u>tu-wei</u> of Chüyen on the tenth day of the month was received at the office where the register was made at 1 hour (i.e. midnight) on the same day. Presumably the clerk wrote tenth day in error for eleventh day.

1	130.8	496	شيبان 2700 مسان	163
Z	[128.1]	570	1	413
3	552.3) 552.4)	103	Milai print (2005	128
4	130.12	496	allia band yeye.	163
5	130.11	496		163
6	130.15	103	minima approx. at the	128

Note:

(1) In Ch 275, Chavannes read 入户書, but 户 should be corrected to 西.

入南書三計皆居延都尉拿九月十日受被起一點敦煌一點張掖府次行

入南建三計居延都尉九年十二月世人日世八日起部府封完

2

三封口尉行指府一部雲中大守府六月九日起口

人南書豆封一口口田室尉印部口口塞尉六月二日起一口口口印部府六月十五日起 十六年六月十七日平旦時意案他施刑口世人受破胡施刑口口

3

入北書五封日

口明受口口口封完

6

5

出北書一封二后教

X 1 Translation

- Two southbound letters, both with the seal of the <u>tu-wei</u>, Undyen, originated on <u>kuei hai</u>, the tenth day of the ninth month; one was bound for Tunhuang, one for the <u>fu</u>, Changi, for delivery by relay. Received by Yang, from Chao Po, at 1 hour, tenth day, ninth month, first year of <u>Yung</u> yuan [1 November 89 A.D.]
- Two southbound letters [from the] tu-wei, Chüyen, originated on the 27th and 28th days, twelfth month, ninth year; the letters were undamaged. Received by T'e Hu from Sun Ch'ang, at 5 hours, fifth manth day, first month, tenth year of Yung yüan [24 February 98]
- Five southbound letters, of which three were with the seal of the ... wei; of these, one was for the fu, and one for the t'ai_shou_fu, Ydnchung, being originated on the ninth day, sixth month ...; one was with the seal of the sai_wei ..., being originated on the eleventh day, sixth month; one was with the seal of ... for the fu, being originated on the [fifteenth?] day, sixth month. Received by amnestied convict * Shih, of T'o_t'o, from ammestied convict * of P'o_hu, at 3 hours, seventeenth day, sixth month, sixteenth year.
- 4 Five northbound letters ...
- 5 ...letter(s) undamaged...received by ... Ming from * *
- 6 One letter and two despatches on fitted pieces, sent from the north ...

Notes

- The full text of the lower three columns, as given in SW and LK is as follows:
 - 三對都尉印並詣會中大兼具月九日責成屬作一一謹口在尉所詣口壽據革
 - 一人之渠田塞尉即詣曾承尉六月十一日起二下史 佚史即詣官六月十八日起
 - 十六年六月十八日平旦時秦他隊長萬世一一个史胡頌驰刑務明

In the first column:

着解 is unlikely, in view of the expression 的 (see p. 298) MD2,3 Int.); elso, the fu which is designated as the address of the three letters is probably the tu-wei-fu rather than the t'ai-shou-fu.
中大兼 LK 史寫 竹謹LK 口 壽 猿葉 LK 教 猿 草

In the second column:

人之版令

官以寅

+ 1 d can hardly be right, in view of the date mentioned later in the strip.

In the third column:

序史 IK 车

引色 LK方色.For men of this status, see Remnants pp. 241f, and Hulsewe p. 23.

If the year that is mentioned is the sixteenth year of Yung yuan , the date corresponds with 26 July 104.

5 ロロ(second column) SW 發布 LK 登東 6 機SW 九月 For 台檄 See p. 140.

X > (Plate 18)

Introduction

The collection of fragments shown here is somewhat exceptional in so far as they all derive from the same group, Unfortunately, the site at which group 162 was collected has not been identified; but, as 162.4 is probably to be taken as part of an external address label for the hou-kuan of Chia-Ch'd, it is possible that the group was found at MD.

In addition, it is clear that the strips in question were made out by the same two hands, i.e. one clerk (a) for the entries at the head of the strips, and a second clerk (b) for the remainder. The handwriting of (b) is far more regular and practised than that of many of the scribes whose work is seen in other fragments. The presence of two hands on each strip indicates that these records were made out in two parts; the main record was written by (b), and a further insertion was made at a leter time by (a).

All the kawar svailable pieces have been broken at the lower end; it is possible that the form of the complete strips can be reconstructed by adding the details entered on no.14 to those included on other fragments (e.g. nos.1 and 2) in the corresponding position. In this case it would be necessary to assume the loss of a number of pieces similar to no.14. The length of these strips is in any case longer than usual. If the foregoing suggestion is accepted, the length would have been at least 33 cm.; otherwise, at least 27 cm.

These strips can be identified as records (2) of the bestowal of orders of aristocratic rank. In each case there is specified the name of an individual, together with his place of origin and status. These details are followed by eight cyclical terms and statements of the bestowal of the orders of rank. All the individuals came from the same haien, in Wei chin, and all had risen to the eighth order, of kung chieng, receiving their orders on the same occasions. In view of the identity of these circumstances, it seems more likely that the recipients were given their orders as a result of a general bestowal to all households, rather than as rewards for individual (4) valour or service.

The question arises of the purpose of this record. The unusual length of the strips, together with the professional nature of the handwriting of clerk (b), suggests that the greater part may have been written at one of the offices of Wei chdn. The strips were probably made out by an official responsible for civil administration there, and forwarded to the frontier to accompany a batch of men who were proceeding there for service. As the treatment of individuals varied according to the orders that they possessed, it may have been necessary for the administrative authorities at the frontier to possess a record of their (5) status; and the entries at the head of the strips, recording the number of days of patrok duty that had been accomplished, were probably inserted on a later occasion, at Chdyen itself.

The includion of two cases of men of veteran status need not be an insuperable difficulty, although such men were not obliged to serve in the Han forces.

An attempt can be made to date the circumstances re orded on these strips.

- (1) The entry of the fourth year of Ydan k'ang (62 B.C.) in no.14 can be associated with the last bestowal that is recorded on the other fragments, and which is dated on ting seu. HS VIII 15b (HFHD II, 238) re-ords a decree of the third month of that year whereby bounties were given to various sections of the population, including the general gift of one order of rank. Ting ssu was the last day of the third month of Ydan k'ang 4.
- (2) If this identification is accepted, it must be seen whether the seven prededing terms can be associated with other dates of bestowals. Unfortunately the exact day is not mentioned in HS, which mentions the following general bestowals as preceding that of the year 62.

63 spring (HS VIII, 14a; HFHD II, 234)

<u>Kuei yu</u> was a possible day.

64 third month (HS VIII, 12b; HFHD II, 231)

Kuei ssu fell in the third month.

65 third month (HS VIII, 11b-12a; HFHD II, 229)

I hai is given as the last day of the second month, in the reconstructed calendar, where the lst, 2nd and 4th months are shown as long and the 3rd month as short. If the alternative arrangement is adopted (months 1,3 and 4 long, and 2 short), i hai would have been the first day of the third month.)

72 sixth month (HS VIII,5b;HFHD II,210)

According to HS, events of a religious nature, which took place on the day keng wu, sixth month, were followed by various acts of bounty including a general bestowal. However, the reconstructed calendar, which places an intercalary month after the fifth month does not admit keng wu in the sixth month. If the intercalary month was taken as following the sixth rather than the fifth month, keng wu and wu yin would both have fallen in them sixth month.

73 fifth month (HS VIII, 5a; HFHD II, 209)

Ping ch'en fell in the fifth month.

77 first month (HC VII,8b;HFHD II,170)

Following the majority of the emperor, on ting hai, a bestowal of orders took place, but the number given is not specified. Both ting hai and ting weifell in the first month.

82 sixth month (HS VII,4b; HFHD II,160)

The number of orders given is not specified. Ting wei fell in the sixth month.

(In addition to the foregoing ,a bestowal of orders took place on wu shen, in the fourth month of 67, following the establishment of an imperial heir(HS VIII,8b-9a; HFHD II,220). On this occasion the orders were given to heirs rather than generally; and wu yin did not fall in that month.)

The earliest two occasions for bestowal, given as ting wei, ting wei, can either refer to separate bestowals in 82 and 77, or to the bestowal of two orders on the same occasion in 77. However, as it was not the practice in the Ch'ien Han period to confer more than one order at the general bestowals, the terms should probably be taken as referring to 82 and 77.

Acceptance of these dates need not necessarily imply that the individuals were present on the north-west frontier throughout the period (i.e.82 or 77 to 62), particularly if the document was originated in the men's home chin, as suggested. As the period during which individuals (7) were liable for service extended from the age of 23 to 56, it would have been quite possible for men who received their first orders in 82 or 77 to be serving at Chilyen in 62 or later. These fragments cannot be used as evidence regarding the length of time spent by soldiers at the front.

The individuals mentioned in nos.2 and 4 are both described as <u>lao</u> at the time when the report applied.

If, as is believed, the date of the first bestowal in question

was 82 (or 77), these men cannot have been over fourteen at that time, when they were still hairs; they would thus not have been status until 40 (or 35). It follows that the record of which we have fragments cannot have been written before one of those years. This conclusion, which is agreed by Nishijima, implies two consequences:

- (1) The receipt of orders of aristocratic rank was possible for men of hsiao status. This conclusion is supported by other strips, e.g., UD 5 nos. 5, and 7; 185.14, 258.1;
- (2) The men described in the fragments as tsu must have been at least 47 (or 42) when the document applied.

Records of patrol duty are seen elsewhere in MD 17. The first character in X 2 nos.1,3,7,8,9 and 12 is read in SW and LK, usually. It no.12, LK reads in the notes below). Nishijims (pp. 208-209) explains as being equivalent to in the context of military law and discipline, but cannot understand the meaning of the term in these strips.

No.13 carries considerably less detail than fragments of comparable length; it is possible that the surface has been scraped or damaged accidentally. In no.11 the characters T'o Wu Ch'ou, presumably a proper name, are spaced somewhat lower down the strip than names in other examples. Of the shorter fragments, no.3 should probably be fitted to no.4, and no.5 to no.6; N; shijima also suggests that

nos.8 and 10 could be fitted together, If, as is suggested above, no.14 is the lower part of one of these strips, it could have been part of the same piece as no.12, or (less probably) nos.7,8 or 9. The significance of the curved line on no.14 is not understood.

(In the following list and in the notes after the transcription, N refers to the letters of reference and the readings shown in Nishijima pp. 206-7.)

					N				
1	162.14	513		478-9	k				
8	162.10	513	سب هلته ۱۹۹۵	478	j				
3	16≳. ≥	275		466	f'				
4	162.7	295		513	n				
5	162.16	275	p to delay gray,	466	g				
6	162.8	295	بيني طبق مدين	513	m				
7	162.1	275	MPCIA matte. \$150.00	466	h				
8	162.17	275	billadi saraga galatin	466	е				
9	162.18	275	dPCh speaks gargi-	466	đ	In	SW, LK	28	162.9
10	162.12	295		513	p				
11	162.13	295	and the time	513	0	•			
12	162.15	296	Eller some pools	514	q				
13	162.9	275	Are the sale	466	i	In	SW, LK	ខន	162.18
14	162.6	275	جيسي طلطة طلطة	513	1				

Notes:

(1) Only one other member of the 162 group is available, 162.5 (162.1A, on TP 487, is mistakenly numbered for 262.1A, which is shown also on TP 485; 162.3 and 162.11 do not feature in

- SW, Chia or TP).
- (2) For this subject see Nishijima, who considers these strips on pp. 204f.; and Aristocratic ranks (pp. 145f.).
- (3) For the titles of the orders see Aristocratic ranks p.99; for their acquisition cumulatively, ib., p.149.
- (4) A further reference to the bestowal of orders is seen in the material from Chüyen in 217.3; see Aristocratic ranks p.119.Nishijima (pp.222-3) suggests □ 乙丑為為 為 三級 or □乙丑部場 与三級 as possible readings of the second column.
- (5) For the possible need of such documentation see Aristocratic ranks pp.141-2.
- (6) Nishijima considers this difficulty at length (pp.228-230). He suggests that H5六月 is an error for 閏五月.
- (7) Until some thme in Chao ti's reign the lower limit was 20. See Aristocratic ranks p.157 note (3), and p.181 above.
- (8) For this subject see Fujieda (1) p.327; Nishijima pp. 275f.; Yang (1) p.110; and pp.358f. above. Ta is used with reference to an individual aged 67 in MD 10 no.9, and to men of military age in MD 9 nos.4 and 6. Hsiao refers to boys and girls aged 7 to 14 in 29.1 and 29.2; and to a child aged two in MD 9 no.9.

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故小男 ecia no.

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X 2 Translation

- l Forty-seven [days] patrol. Tai T'ung, order of kung ch'eng, of Sung li, Yeh [hsien], of serviceable age; formerly, while of minor status, granted one order of aristocratic rank each, by ordinance, on the days ting wei, ting wei, ping ch'en, wu kin, i hai, kuei ssu, kuei yu; granted one order, by ordinance, on the day ting ssu ...
- 2 ... Chieh Ch'ing, order of <u>kung ch'eng</u>, of Ch'ih yang <u>li</u>,

 Yeh [<u>hsien</u>], veteran; formerly, while of minor status,

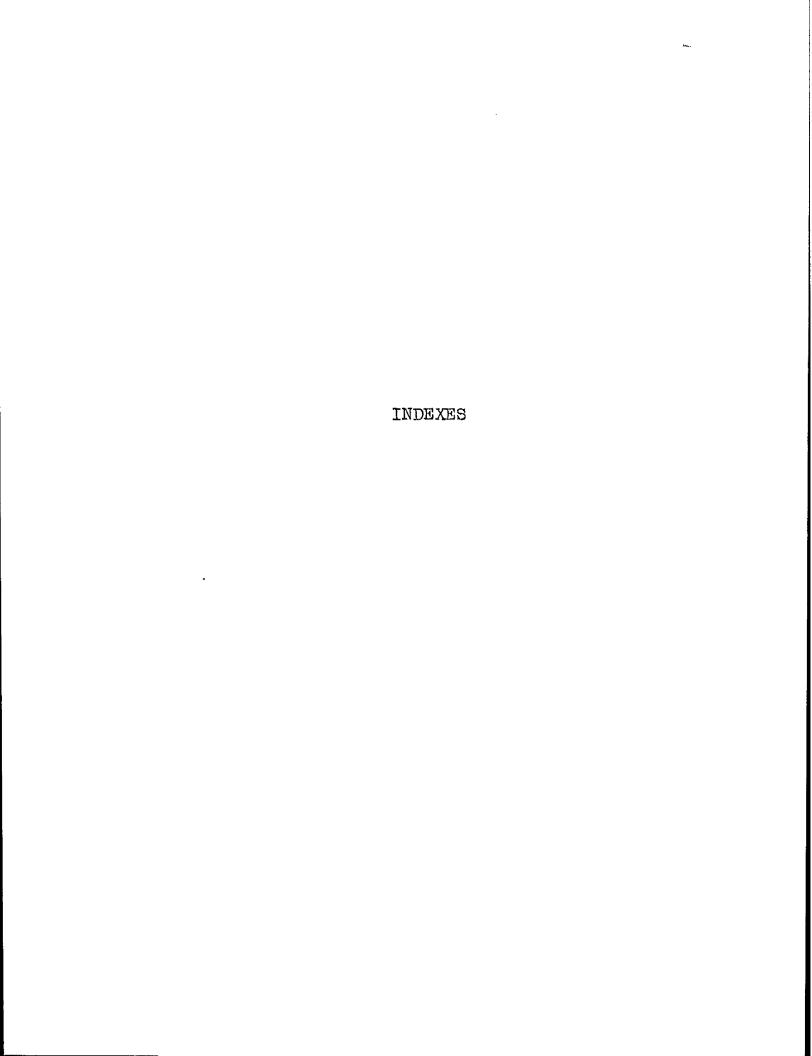
 granted one order [etc. as in no.1]
- 3 Fifty days patrol. Ch'en Sui, order of <u>kung ch'eng</u>, of Ch'ih-yang <u>li</u>, Yeh [<u>hsien</u>],...
- 4 ...veteran; formerly, while of minor status, granted one order [etc. as in no 1]
- 5 ... Ts'ui Huang, order of <u>kung ch'eng</u>, of Tso-tu <u>li</u>,
 Yeh [hsien], ...
- 6 ... of serviceable age; formerly, while of minor status, granted one order [etc. as in no. 1]
- 7 Sixty days patrol. ... order of kung ch'eng ...
- 8 Fifty-nine [days] pstrol. Shih K'o, order of kung ch'eng, of Tz'u li, Yeh [hsien] ...
- Forty days patrol. Meng Feng, order of kung ch'eng, of Ching li, Yeh [hsien], of serviceable age ...
- 10 ... of serviceable age; formerly, while of minor status, granted one order [etc. as in no. 1]

- 11 ...T'o Wu Ch'ou ...of serviceable age; formerly, while of minor status, granted one order [etc. as in no.1]
- Forty-three [days] patrol.Ma Ping, order of kung ch'eng, of Ching li, Yeh [hsien], adult; formerly, while of minor status, [granted one order of aristocratic rank each, by ordinance, on the days] ting wei, ting wei, ping ch'en ...
- 13 ... Ch'en I, of Tz'u <u>li</u> ...
- ...granted one order, by ordinance,... Ordinance of the fourth year of Ytlan k'ang [62 B.C.] ...

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- 1 邦 This is listed as the first <u>hsien</u> in Wei 如 <u>chun</u> (HS XXVIII A2,46a)
- z解 SW 無 故 SW, LK 口
- 5崔 SW 翟
- 7 选六十日 SW,IK 口口之N豆六十三
- 8 克 SW, LK 充
- 9 世 SW,LK 世

Both here and in no.12 早 is written 早 .For other examples of this form see UD 5 no.13;498.4;and inscription no.8,column 1.Similarly the forms 早 and 其 are seen in Han writings (京 景 and 東 are all seen in inscription no.7,columns 2,6 and 7; 景 appears in inscription no.5,column 3 and last column;and 末 in MD 8 no.4;TD 6 nos.1,2 and 4;and inscription no.6, penultimate column).



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6 555.11 12 14 15 16 17 557.2 3 5				W 2 no.55 W 2 no.71 W 2 no.81 W 2 no.82 W 2 no.72 W 1 no.10 W 2 no.35 W 2 no.98 W 2 no.102 W 2 no.14	(see W 2 no.14)
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562.1A,B				and 4	244 41 note (26),60 note (8),669
2 3A 4	47	80 6° 80	15	UD 2 no.3 UD 9 no.2	528 note (3)
9 11 16	404 88	2370	621 375	UD 6 no.2	53 500 318,453
17 19	88	2406	562	UD 6 no.1	201 note (5) 484 (in SW,Chia as
22 23 25 26 27 563.2 3 6 8 9 11 12 13 14 564.2 3	41	2392	439	UD 3 no.6 UD 3 no.15 UD 3 no.24 UD 3 no.11 UD 9 no.1 W 2 no.104 W 2 no.106 W 2 no.53 W 2 no.99 W 2 no.8 W 2 no.64 W 2 no.64 W 2 no.61 W 2 no.61 UD 3 no.20 UD 3 no.5	592.19)
9 13 14 15 28 565•13				UD 3 no.21 UD 6 no.3 UD 3 no.5 UD 9 no.3 UD 6 no.4	53 (see W 2 no.61)
14 19 22 578.1 592.19	1 <u>4</u> 48	2402 	434 368	MD 19 no.22	(see UD 3 no.15) 500 53,218 218 (see 562.19)

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634.31
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                                                  (see UD 3 no.10)
664.2
                                                  (see TD 5 no.8)
673.40
796.5A
           124
                              592
                                                  218
                                                  218 (see W 2 no.63)
888.12
(ii) Strips whose original numbers are not known
           215
                                                  331
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                    2436
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(iii) Strips in minor collections from Chüyen
Jao (2) no.1
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     5.2
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(iv) Strips found at the sites of Tunhuang

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7	243		
1	98,107 notes(19)	166	137
2	(20),141 hote(4)	170	270
3– 6	107 note (19),243 244	184 196	462 note (2)
7	141 note (4),244	206	435
8	244, 246 note (5)	257	554,566 note (6) 462 note (1)
9-24	59 notes (2) (3),	258	42 note (34),137
	71,74 note (3),	260	245
	348,661 note (1)	265	446 note (1)
25-35	59 note (2),74	271	36 note (5)
	note (3),348,661	273	548 notes (4) (5)
	mote (1)	274	462 note (2)
39-41	453	275	726
62	630	279-288	424,435,502
63A	MD 19 no.19note	281-4	424
70	107 note (22)	287	424
71	463 note (15),679		445
72	318,608,611 note	307	456
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73-77	318,453,MD 6 no.	312	189 note (1)
79	18 not e 608	313	42 note (34),137
80-83	404	316 328	726
84-87	547	35 1	361 608
88-94	445	367	726
95-112	435	375	404
97	445	383	608
98	425	390	640 note (3)
99-101	424	397	244
102-111	425	415	645
104-107	MD 19 no.12 note	416-7	501
113-131	348	432	548 note (4)
114	270,610 note (5)	43 3	460, MD 19 no.20 note
122	270,610 note (5)	434	318
124	270,610 note (5)	436	404
127	270	437	460
137 138 - 140	138	451	138
148-9	554 529 note (5)	454-45 5	299
150	529 note (5)	456 460	318 137
162-165	678	472	396

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482	299	703	679
483	137,MD 1 no.6	728 – 731 733	199 note (1) 199 note (1)
484-486	678	738	199 note (1) 199 note (1)
490	396	741	199 note (1)
492	203 note (6)	758	462 note (7)
495	445	810	59 note (1)
523-534	41 note (29),59	886	199 note (1)
	notes (2) (3),107		199 note (1)
	note (16)	913	199 note (1)
535	2 9 9		, ,
536	36 note (5)	(Paper fr	agments)
538	245	921	203 note (6)
55 1	318	930	203 note (6)
555	435		203 note (6)
5 61	608	935	203 note (6)
563 – 566	678	939	203 note (6)
569 572	42 note (35) 299		
579	678		
588	MD 19 no.19 note	Maspero	see
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596	137,MD 1 no.6		(20),243
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597	MD 1 no.6 note	3-4	245
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603	244,246 note(7)	42	333 note (4),548
606	MD 19 no.20 note	16	note (4)
614-615	105 note (3),143	46 47	679 547
617-618	note (18),726 137	61	137
632-633	645	66-68	360
640	245	68	403
662	137,143 note (18)		360
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671	244,246 note (5)	94	608
673	424,435	113	554
675	137	114	678
682	453,679	115	299
693	679	120	318
694	333 note (4),547	130	299
697	245	134	MD 1 no.6 note

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          199 note
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(v) Strips found by Huang Wen-pi

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3	194	35	194
1 3	42 note (34)	40	194,360 (= Chia 2437)
18	194	52	453,462 note (2)
19	194,TD 1 no.1 note (= Chia 243	53B 66)	348
21	194	•	
26A	194		
30	189 note (3)		

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         199 note
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 49-52
                                        203 note (6)
         199 note
 54
                             27,4
         199 note
 59
         199 note
 64-65
         199 note
                    (1)
102
                             31.7
         107 note (22),199
107
         note (1),200 note
         (2)
         107 note (22),200
109
         note (2)
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