**Language of Material:** Multiple languages

**Contributing Institution:** Special Collections & Archives

**Title:** Ellwood Lawson Collection

**Creator:** Ellwood Lawson, 1926-2010

**Identifier/Call Number:** OCH.EL

**Extent:** 0.21 linear feet

**Date (inclusive):** 1945-2013

**Abstract:** The *Ellwood Lawson Collection* consists of items collected by Lawson and his wife, Darla, that relate to his experience as an Old China Hand. The collection is primarily made up of biographical documents, photographs, and articles outlining Lawson's military service in China and his life in Pekin, Illinois.

**Language of Material:** English

**Biographical Information:**
Ellwood "Woody" Lawson was born in Pekin, Illinois on January 12, 1926. During World War II, Lawson served as a Marine Corps machine gunner in Okinawa and China and attained the rank of corporal. He was a life member of the 1st Marine Division Association and the China Marine Association, as well as the Marine Corps League in Pekin. Outside of the Marine Corps, Lawson served as the last residential ice delivery man in Pekin and also worked as a galvanizer for Keystone Steel and Wire Company. Lawson owned and operated a bait and tackle shop as well as a tap house in his hometown. He passed away in Pekin, Illinois on April 21, 2010.

**Scope and Contents**
The *Ellwood Lawson Collection* consists of items collected by Lawson and his wife, Darla, that relate to his experience as an Old China Hand. The collection is primarily made up of biographical documents, including photographs and articles outlining Lawson's military service in China and his life in Pekin, Illinois. Many of these materials are annotated by Darla Lawson. The collection also includes an article written by Lawson's commanding officer, Captain W. H. Brockington, recounting memories of WWII; Chinese banknotes and coins; a 2002 China Marine Association Directory; and photographs from the Jung Chen Photographic Studio, with captions, depicting attractions around Peiping (present day Beijing). The materials are arranged alphabetically by subject and chronologically within.

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**Immediate Source of Acquisition**
Darla Lawson, 11/18/2015.

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