Overview of the Collection

Collection Title: H.L. Heartwell Collection
Dates: circa 1940-circa 1949
Identification: OCH/HLH
Creator: Heartwell, H.L.
Physical Description: 7.38 linear feet
Language of Materials: English
Repository: Old China Hands Archives

Abstract: H.L. "Sea-biscuit" Heartwell served as a civilian attached to the United States Army Air Corps in China in the 1940s, and as a technician for the Chinese National Relief and Rehabilitation Administration (CNRRA) after the war. The collection contains items of clothing worn and collected by Heartwell during his time in China as well as four small wood carvings.

Biographical Information:
H.L. "Sea-biscuit" Heartwell joined the United States Army in 1941, first serving time in Hawaii after the Pearl Harbor attack. In 1942 he was given a special classification as a civilian attached to the Army Air Corps and sent to China. After the war, he signed on with the Chinese National Relief and Rehabilitation Administration (CNRRA) as a technician until his return to the United States in 1947.

Processing Information:
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Scope and Contents
The H.L. Heartwell collection consists mainly of items of clothing worn or collected by Heartwell during his military service in China, as well as four small wooden figurines.

Box 1, Item 1: Khaki Riding Pants
Box 1, Item 2: Olive Green Short Jacket
Box 1, Item 3: Olive Green Heavy Coat
Box 2, Item 1: Khaki Overcoat
Box 2, Item 2: Khaki Short Jacket
Box 2, Item 3: Olive Green Oilcloth Raincoat
Box 3, Item 1: Ivory Silk Shirt No.1
Box 3, Item 2: Ivory Silk Shirt No.2
Box 4, Item 1: Wooden Figurine: Man Riding an Ox
Box 4, Item 2: Wooden Figurine: Man Pushing Cart
Box 4, Item 3: Wooden Figurine: Chinese Pagoda
Box 4, Item 4: Wooden Figurine: Men on a Boat
Box 5, Item 1: Leather Flight Suit