Guide to the William H. Sager China Marines Photograph Collection

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Title: William H. Sager China Marines Photograph Collection
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Abstract: Maj. William H. Sager, USMCR (Retired), served with the United States Naval Group, China, from 1944 to 1945 as commander of the American officers who trained Chinese troops at a location called Camp 10. The majority of the collection consists of photographs taken and collected by Sager in China depicting the soldiers and activities of Camp 10, as well as various cities in China and Japanese-occupied areas. Additionally, the collection includes ephemeral objects related to Sager's service in China.

Language of Material: English, Chinese
Biographical Information:
Maj. William H. Sager, USMCR (Ret), first joined the Marines in 1939 as a member of the Eastern Platoon Leaders' Class at Quantico, later completing the 2d Reserve Officers' School at Philadelphia as well. He then joined the 1st Marine Division at New River, which participated in the Guadalcanal operation. Sager returned home due to a bad case of malaria, but once recovered he volunteered for duty with the United States Naval Group, China, also known as the Sino-American Cooperative Operation (SACO). SACO was a secret organization made up of volunteers from the Army, Navy, Marines, and Coast Guard who performed various covert activities in China, including gathering weather reports, training Chinese guerillas and collecting intelligence for the Pacific war effort. As a part of SACO from 1944 to 1945, Sager worked in an area known as Camp 10, where he served as the commander of the American officers training Chinese troops. Sager passed away on January 12, 2019.

Scope and Contents
The William H. Sager China Marines Photograph Collection consists mainly of photographs taken and collected by Sager in China from 1944 to 1945, depicting the soldiers and activities of Camp 10, as well as various cities in China and Japanese-occupied areas. The collection also contains ephemeral objects related to Sager's service in China, including a business card and place settings.

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William H. Sager Oral History Interview at the National Museum of the Pacific War

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