

hsi 河西 district into the north of the Desert. Four counties, *Chang-yi* 張掖, *Ch'iu-chuan* 酒泉, *Tun-huan* 敦煌 and *Wu-wei* 武威, were set in that district to clear the way to the western countries and protect it against the invading *Hsiang-nu*. In 1930 a lot of wood-plate archives were found in *Ohu-yen*, a military base at the front. They are called *Chu-yen* Archives.

In this article I would like to investigate into the functions and duties of the *hou-kuan*, which has hardly been studied until now, by using a series of archives found in the grave of *Chia-chu-hou-kuan* 甲渠侯官. I will call them '*Yi-kuan Pu*' for the present. After investigating them I came to the conclusion as follows; *Hou-kuan* is a mediator between *Tuwei-fu* 都威府, the headquarters and *hou-tu* 候隊, a force at the front; He command the *hou-tu*, delivers the order of *Tu-wei-fu* to the *hou-tu*, and on the other hand, tells the condition of the front lines to *Tu-wei-fu*; Putting the duties into practice he often calls a meeting to make the order thoroughly understood; He inspects the reports presented by the *hou-tu* strictly, keeps a close check on the violation and negligence of the officials and soldiers; *Hou-tu* does all the office works about them; In addition to the delivery of the provisions, he takes charge of the military fund sent from the inner counties, and buys the requisites for the *hou-tu*; We must pay special attention to it that *hou-kuan* takes a leading part in the public and private economic life in that district.

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