

# About Zhang Baogao even was Xiao Jiang in Tang Dynasty

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Zhang Baogao (张保皋) had taken important affection on sea trade about Tang, Silla and Japan. He was a famous merchant on sea trade around 9th AD, and he also was a famous politian and commercialist on silla century. As the data recorded a little, We can not study Zhang Baogao very carefully and exactly. On another hand if some book had been studying Zhang Baogao in sometimes. It was also a little. So we say. , We have hardly been studying Zhang Baogao's activities himself in Tang Dynasty. This article put forward Zhang Baogao even was Xiao Jiang (小将) in Tang Dynasty and we beg to your opinions.

## 1. The historical records about Zhang Baogao even was Xiao Jiang in Tang Dynasty

There are three books have recorded that Zhang Baogao even was Xiang Jiang in Tang Dynasty. a. 《Fuan Chuan Wen Ji》(樊川文集); b. 《Xing Tang Shu》(新唐书); c. 《San Guo Shi Ji》(三国遗事).

According to the Fuan Chuan Wen Ji; Both Zhang Baogao and Zheng Nian (郑年) came from silla, They arrieved Xu Zhou (徐州), became to Xiao Jiang. Baogao thirty years old, zheng nian twentieth years old as Baogao brother. Both of them were bravery, good for fighting and no one could fight against them in Xu Zhou or in their country.....Baogao Came bake to silla finally.

According to the Xing Tang shu; Both Zhang Baogao and Zheng Nian good for fighting, better for using spear.....Baogao was brother, Nian's fight better than Baogao. They had taken care of each other. They had become Xiao Jiang in Wu Ning (武宁) from their country final. then Bgogao came bake to silla.

According to the San Guo Shi Ji; Xing De Wang (兴德王) three year and four

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month, Zhang Baogao arrived Xu Zhou, became to Xiao Jiang in Tang army units. Then he came back to silla.

Although the three books had different opinion a little, but they all point out this fact that Zhang Baogao even was Xiao Jiang in Tang. If this opinion was truth or exactly, We must take analysis about it.

Du Mo had been written Fuan chuan Wen Ji, He dead in 852 AD. He was a famous scholar in middle Tang Dynasty. He even had been Jiang Xi Guan Ca Shi (江西观察使)、Niou Zheng Lu(牛僧孺) Huai Nai Ji Du Shi (淮南节度使) and Xuan She(宣歙) Guan Ca Shi Mu Fu (观察使幕府). But Xing Tang Shu had written in 1060, San Guo Shi Ji had written in 1145. So compare to the three book, We can find that Fuan Chuan Wen Ji was better across to the dynasty for Zhang Baogao. At the other hand Du Mo even was officer on Fuan Zheng (藩镇), So we can believe him. But if we study Xiao Jiang in Tang army units, we will find some problems.

First, Xiao Jiang was existence exactly in Tang army units. For example, Zao Ling said on his 《Ying Hua Lu》(因话录) in Tang dynasty that there were Xiao Jiang in Sheng Ce Jiu(神策军), riding rush. Liu Gong chuo (柳公绰) killed him on street. The Sheng Ce Jiu was existence in Tang Xuan Zhong Tian Bao (唐玄宗 天宝) 13 (754AD) in Tang at begaining. It belongs to the central army units.

Second, Because Zhang Baogao had jointed army in Xu Zhou, It belongs to the regional troop which Fuan Zheng Ji Du Shi had had. The problem is if Fuan Zheng even had Xiao Jiang. According to the Tang history and Mr. Yian Gen Wang (严耕望)、Zhang Guo Gang (张国刚) study carefully, There were no Xiao Jiang in Fuan Zheng army unity in Tang dynasty. Yian Gen Wang believed that there were only a. Du Zhi Bing Ma Shi (都知兵马使) b. Zuo Yiou Xiang He Yuan Deng Bing Ma Shi (左右厢后院等兵马使) c. Yu He (虞侯)、Du Yu He (都虞侯) d. Jiao Lian Shi(教练使)、Du jiao Lian shi (都教练使). Zhang Guo Gang believed that there were a. Du Tou (都头) b. Bing Ma Shi (兵马使)、Fu Bing Ma Shi(副兵马使) c. Du Yu He (都虞侯) d. Shi Jiang (十将) e. Fu Jiang (副将).

So we say, xiao jiang was only existence in the central army units. Why Du Mo believed that Zhang Baogao was Xiao Jiang in Wu Ning troop. We can study Shen Guang Xian's (孙光宪)《Bai Men shuo Yan》(北梦锁言) in Xian Tong (咸通) Tang 860~873 AD. He said, Liu Qian (刘谦) is Xiao Jiang, low position in

troop. The another historial materials also record that Xiao Jiang was Yiao Xiao (牙校)、Xiao Xiao (小校). It was a law position in troop. Analysing this his torical materials we can see that a. Xiao Jiang is Yiao Xiao or Xiao Xiao. It was a Law officer in troop. b. All law officers call Xiao Jiang c. Du Mo had not called Zhang Baogao was Yia Xiao, It was because he want to express his good temper that he appreciated Zhang Baogao, he want to hiden Zhang Baogao's ID that Yia xiao was a Law officer in troop so instead of Xiao Jiang. Becuse this, In recent years, The chinese and Korean scholars have hardly been studying Zhang Baogao's actual situation in the troop. we need to evince neither Zhang Baogao was Xiao Jiong nor Yia Xiao in army units in Tang dynasty.

## 2. Zhang Baogao's ture situation in Wu Ning army

In middle Tang of 9th AD, All Fuan Zheng hoped strong their troop, They had enlarged their military power. According to the historial records, The power of strong Fuan Zheng reach to ten zhou more, it was big; or Three and Four zhou, it was small relate. The strong Fuan Zheng had rebell the policies and laws of the court with their powers, useing their policy and law. They enlarged their military strength to rebell the court of Tang or refrain nearly Fuan Zheng. For example, the military were only 20000 people on Zi Qing Zheng (淄青镇) at He Xi Yi (侯希逸). But when reached Li Zheng Ji (李正己), They had had 100 000 troop. Wang Zhi xing (王智兴)、Wu Ning Ji Du Shi had enlarged two thousands strong peoples which call for Yin Dao (银刀)、Diao qi (雕旗)、Men Qiang (门枪)、Jia Ma (挟马). Zhang Baogao arrived Xu Zhou in Tang at this periods. becomed Xiao Jiang in troop. So we say Zhang Baogao was employing soldier.

But the employing soldier different from Yia Bing. According to the regional employing soldier at that thime. It can differ from three kinds. One was Jiao Bing (骄兵), the soldier of military Fan Zheng, They had been fighting brave, especially the Qing Wei Bin (亲卫兵) (Yia Bing). Two was Luo Bing (弱兵), The soldier of second impormant Fan Zheng. They had either officers or soldiers but fights poor. Three was Xiu Bing (虚兵), Which was unimportomt Fuan Zheng, There were a little fights, no fight. Which kinds of Zhang Baogao belongs to, We must study Xu Zhou which Zhang Baogao had become a soldier. Xu Zhou was a strong and big Fang Zheng in that times, controlled Huan Hai Ming Yu (淮海闽越), the area wide, the position important, the fight strong. Because Zhang Bao-

gao was very brave, good for fight and no one could fight against him in Xu Zhou and in his country. So we say he belongs to Qing Wei Bing (Ya Bing) Certainly.

The another question is why Qing Wei Bing was Ya Bing. In ancient time when generalissimo left their Fuan Zheng, They must set up Ya Qi (牙旗). According to the 《Dong Jing Fu》(东京赋) Written by Zhang Hen (张衡), There Was: spears as if woods, Ya Qi swinging. Li Shan (李善) in Tang said: Ya Qi was generalissimo's flag, if emperor went out, It must set up Ya Qi,. Because the top of flag have Ya (牙), So Call it Ya Qi. The troop fight under the Ya Qi. The Ji Du shi in Tang was capital of regional army units. They called the city they lived was Yao city (牙城); the house they lived was Yao house (牙宅); the general they enjoyed was Ya general (牙将); The soldiers they enjoyed was Ya Soldiers (牙兵).

The Ya Bing had strong power in army units on Fuan Zheng. They could affect general's ideas. They even had power designed accepting or refusing general. For example there were fights between strong Fan Zheng on Wei Bo (魏博), during 150 years. Shi Xiancheng (史宪诚)、He Jingtao (河进滔)、Han Yongzhong (韩允中)、Lo Yianzheng (乐彦镇)、Zhao Wenbian (赵文环)、Lo Hongxin (罗弘信) had been giving up their position of general in force. Zhang Baogao joined army on Wu Ning in 822 AD. It had happened that Wang Zixing (王智兴) Ji Du Fu Shi (节度副使) had the mutiny in Xu Zhou troops. Forced the court to appoint him to Jie Du Shi. So at that time it often happen that soldiers disobey second chief, second chief disobey chief. Because Zhang Baogao was living the kind of troop, so it infected him deeply. When he came back to silla, he even had two fights on silla's court in 838 and in 846, It was the spirit of rebell.

#### The conclusions

1. In the army units of Fuan Zheng, there were no Xiao Jiang.
2. Xiao Jiang was a Calling between the law officer in the troop (include Ya Xiao、Xiao Xiao), Call for Xiao Jiang for hidden Zhang Baogao's ID.
3. Zhang Baogao was employing soldier, was Ya Bing, was Ya Xiao one of the Wu Ning troop.