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A RARE CHINESE WOOD HU OR COURT TABLET INSCRIBED WITH VARIOUS CALLIGRAPHIC TEXTS
SOME MENTIONING THE ASSIGNMENT AND NAME OF THE GENERAL OF THE NORTH AND THE BACK INCISED WITH A CONSTELLATION OF THE NORTHERN NIGHT SKY
REMAINS OF RED AND BLUE POLYCHROME
LATE MING DYNASTY 17TH CENTURY
SIZE: 44.5CM HIGH, 6CM WIDE – 17¼ INS HIGH, 2¼ INS WIDE

**LITERATURE**

ACCORDING TO YANG BODA... 'IN THE MING DYNASTY IVORY HU WERE USED BY OFFICIALS FROM THE FIRST TO THE FIFTH RANK, WHILE WOODEN HU FOR THE SIXTH TO THE EIGHTH RANK'. WHEREAS IVORY HU WERE KEPT AS CURIOSITIES OF THE OLD CHINESE IMPERIAL COURT MOST WOODEN HU WERE DISCARDED OR LOST AND SO ARE CONSEQUENTLY NOW MUCH HARDER TO FIND.