



The red sun center portion of this very rare flag as well as all of the characters on it have been written in blood. The red center appears to have been outlined initially with a pencil before the blood was added to complete it. The three characters in the middle right field say "Pray For Victory." Directly below that, the local village name Minamikori Gogomura is seen. To the left of the village name is the name of the person presenting the gift Ida Ryosaku. Subsequent characters appear to be the names of family members and friends.

Two of the three *hanko* may be partially read. One of the seals says "Saruga Jinja." The other one says "Utou Jinja." Saruga Jinja shrine is located in the town of Onoe, an area noted for its beautiful gardens and homes. The flag measures 28.5"x27.5" (72.0cm by 70.5cm.).

