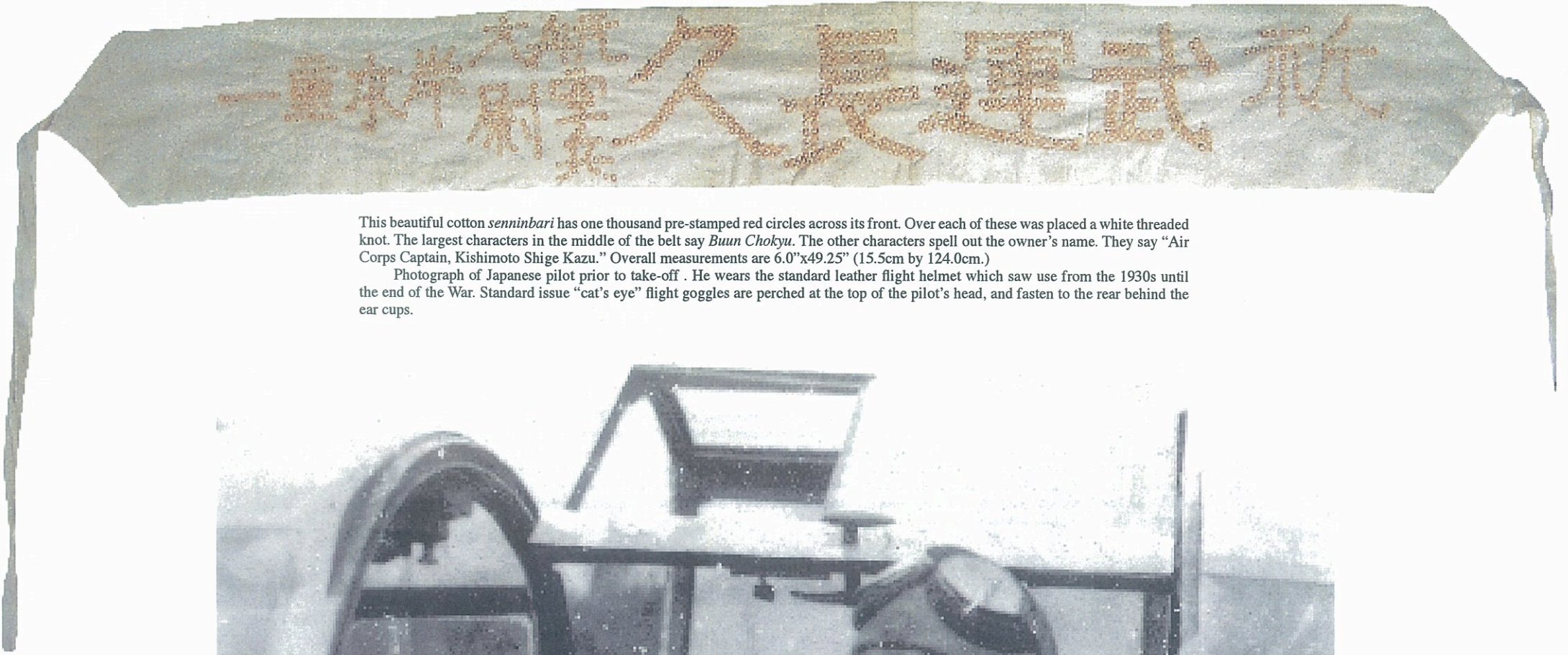


*One-Thousand Stitch Belts (Senninbari) - With Messages*



This beautiful cotton *senninbari* has one thousand pre-stamped red circles across its front. Over each of these was placed a white threaded knot. The largest characters in the middle of the belt say *Buun Chokyu*. The other characters spell out the owner's name. They say "Air Corps Captain, Kishimoto Shige Kazu." Overall measurements are 6.0"x49.25" (15.5cm by 124.0cm.)

Photograph of Japanese pilot prior to take-off . He wears the standard leather flight helmet which saw use from the 1930s until the end of the War. Standard issue "cat's eye" flight goggles are perched at the top of the pilot's head, and fasten to the rear behind the ear cups.

