

*Miscellaneous Senninbari and Good Luck Items*

This extremely rare good luck belt/sash was made for a Japanese soldier in a machine gun unit. It was produced as a form of protection in order to keep the soldier's heart area safe from bullets or shrapnel. Tie strings fastened the sash around the wearer's neck and chest. The rear pouch probably held an *omamori*, now gone. Inside the layers of cotton cloth was placed a curved steel plate. The *kanji* on the outside reads "Ho 120 Ren" or 120th Infantry Regiment, "Ki 11" or 11th Machine Gun Corps. The reverse of the sash contains the owner's name, Yamao Takeo. Overall measurements are 6.75"x36.0" (17.0cm by 90.0cm,) not including tie strings.

