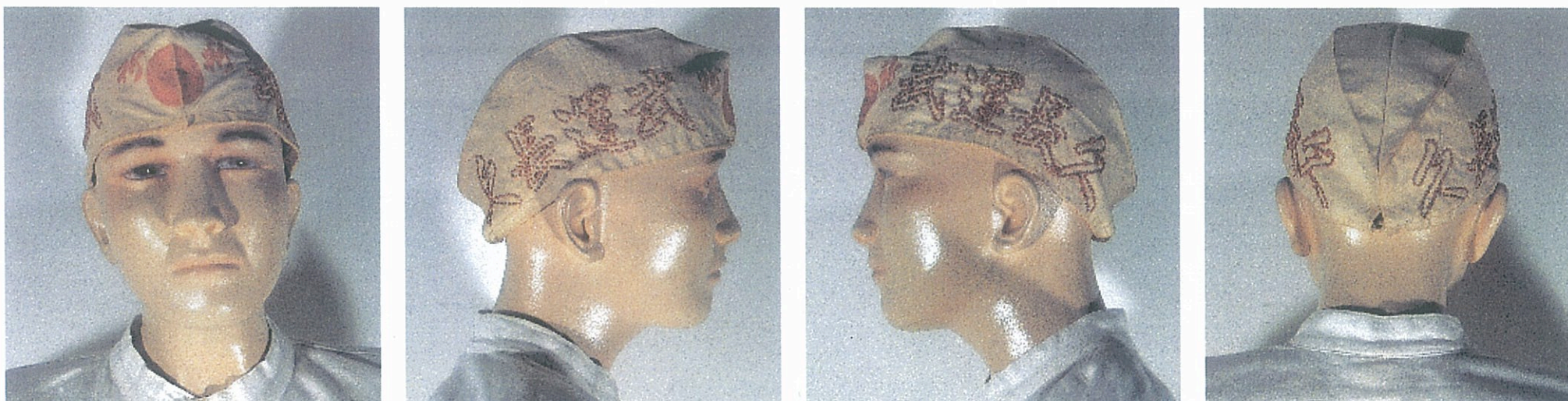


This green one thousand stitch cap contains two blocks of five hundred red knots, one on each side. The front of the cap has a machine sewn *hinomaru* placed on it. Strings that probably held a good luck coin at one time are knotted to the flag. There is a small piece of elastic band attached across the back of the cap. Overall, this *senninbari* measures 5.0"x9.75" (12.0cm.X22.0cm.) The stitch cap was worn under the helmet in much the same way as the practitioners of *kendo* might wear one under their head and face protection. These caps would pad the head against the helmet, absorb perspiration, and in the case of the one thousand stitch cap, provided a good luck function.



This nice example of a *senninbari* cap is made from a white cotton material and has its stitches done in red thread. Directly in the center front of the cap is a red, printed *hinomaru*. Next to it are the printed *kanji* "A Prayer, A Prayer." The slogan *Buun Chokyu* has been stitched in red knots along both sides of the hat. In the rear, the *boshi* is adjusted by a tie string. Like all *senninbari*, stitches were placed on these by women only. This cap measures 4.25"x10.0" (10.0cm by 26.0cm.)