

Pre-War Navy Ships Covers: How Many Are We Missing?

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You'd think, after some 70+ years of searching and collecting, the hobby would surely have rooted out all existing Navy Ship covers by now. But, the discovery of several unlisted navy ship covers within the last 18-24 months, including a Pre-War DQ, prompted me to wonder how many other hitherto unknown ship covers might still be out there, somewhere, waiting to be discovered. Of course, if they're as yet undiscovered, we can't really tell how many there are. Still, we can speculate...so...

As near as I've been able to find, the U.S. Navy+Coast Guard had some 1,000 ships in service on December 7, 1941 [<http://www.ibiblio.org/hyperwar/USN/ships/ships-alpha.html>]. Compared to that, the Pre-War Navy Ship listing lists, or soon will list, known covers from 423 ships, including US Maritime Service). Cross-checking both lists, here are known Pre-War ships for which no covers have yet been found:

-USS Aaron Ward (DD-132)	-USS Alcor (AG-34)	-USS Antaeus (AS-21)
-USS Abbott (DD-184)	-USS Alcor (AR-10)	-USS Antares (AKS-3)
-USS Abel P. Upshur (DD-193)	-USS Aldebaran (AF-10)	-USS Aquamarine (PYc-7)
-USS Accentor (AMc-36)	-USS Alden (DD-211)	-USS Argonne (AG-31)
-USS Acme (AMc-61)	-Alert (WPC-127)	-USS Argus (PY-14)
-Active (WPC-125)	-Alexander Hamilton (WPG-34)	-Ariadne (WPC-101)
-USS Acushnet (ATO-63)	-USS Algorab (AK-25)	-USS Aroostook (CM-3)
-USS Adamant (AMc-62)	-USS Algorma (ATO-34)	-USS Ash (AN-7)
-USS Advance (AMc-63)	-USS Alhena (AK-26)	-Aurora (WPC-103)
-USS Affray (AMc-112)	-USS Allegheny (ATO-19)	-USS AVC-1 (AVC-1)
-Agassiz (WPC-126)	-USS Allen (DD-66)	-USS Avenge (AMc-66)
-USS Agate (PYc-4)	-USS Aloe (AN-6)	-USS Avocet (AVP-4)
-USS Aggressor (AMc-64)	-USS Amber (PYc-6)	-USS Bagaduce (ATO-21)
-USS Agile (AMc-111)	-USS America (IX-41)	-USS Ballard (AVD-10)
-USS Albatross (AM-71)	-USS American Legion (AP-35)	-USS Bancroft (DD-256)
-USS Alchiba (AK-23)	-USS Amerthyst (PYc-3)	-USS Barbet (AMc-38)

-USS Barker (DD-213)
 -USS Barnett (AP-11)
 -USS Barracuda (SS-163)
 -USS Bass (SS-164)
 -USS Bateleur (AMc-37)
 -USS Bay Spring (ATO-60)
 -Bedloe (WPC-128)
 -USS Bernadou (DD-153)
 -USS Betelgeuse (AK-28)
 -Bibb (WPG-31)
 -USS Biddle (DD-151)
 -USS Biscayne (AVP-11)
 -USS Bittern (AM-36)
 -USS Blue Jay (AMc-23)
 -USS Bluebird (AM-72)
 -USS Bobolink (AM-20)
 -USS Boggs (DD-136)
 -USS Boggs (DMS-3)
 -Bonham (WPC-129)
 -USS Bonita (SS-165)
 -Boutwell (WPC-130)
 -USS Bowdoin (IX-50)
 -USS Boxwood (AN-8)
 -USS Brambling (AMc-39)
 -USS Branch (DD-197)
 -USS Brant (AM-24)
 -USS Breckenridge (DD-148)
 -USS Breese (DM-18)
 -USS Bristol (DD-453)
 -USS Broome (DD-210)
 -USS Buckeye (AN-13)
 -USS Buckthorn (AN-14)
 -USS Bullfinch (AM-66)
 -USS Bulmer (DD-222)
 -USS Bunting (AMc-7)
 -USS Butternut (AN-9)
 -USS Cachalot (SS-170)
 -Cahoone (WPC-131)
 -USS Calypso (AG-35)
 -USS Canary (AMc-25)
 -USS Canopus (AS-9)
 -USS Caracara (AMc-40)
 -USS Cardinal (AM-67)
 -USS Carnelian (PY-19)
 -USS Casco (AVP-12)
 -USS Case (DD-370)
 -USS Catalpa (AKS-1)
 -USS Catbird (AM-68)
 -Cayuga (CGC-54)
 -USS Chachalaca (AMc-41)
 -USS Chaffinch (AM-81)
 -USS Chandler (DMS-9)
 -USS Charles F. Hughes (DD-428)
 -USS Chatterer (AMc-16)
 -USS Chenango (AO-31)
 -USS Cheng Ho (IX-52)
 -USS Chestnut (AN-11)
 -USS Chew (DD-106)
 -USS Chewink (ASR-3)
 -USS Childs (AVD-1)
 -USS Chimango (AMc-42)
 -USS Chinquapin (AN-17)
 -USS Cinchona (AN-12)
 -USS Clemson (AVD-4)
 -USS Cockatoo (AMc-8)
 -USS Colhoun (APD-2)
 -Comanche (WPG-76)
 -USS Condor (AMc-14)
 -USS Conner (DD-72)
 -USS Conway (DD-70)
 -USS Coral (PY-15)
 -USS Cormorant (AM-40)
 -USS Corry (DD-463)
 -USS Cotinga (AMc-43)
 -USS Courier (AMc-72)
 -USS Corlan (AMc-44)
 -USS Courser (AMc-32)
 -USS Cowell (DD-167)
 -USS Crane Ship No. 1 (AB-1)
 -USS Craven (DD-382)
 -USS Crawford (WPC-134)
 -USS Crescent City (AP-40)
 -USS Crosby (DD-164)
 -USS Crossbill (AMc-9)
 -USS Crow (AMc-20)
 -USS Crusader (ARS-2)
 -USS Cumberland (IX-8)
 -USS Cummings (DD-365)
 -USS Curlew (AM-69)
 -USS Cuttlefish (SS-171)
 -USS Cuyahoga (AG-26)
 -USS Cuyahoga (WPC-157)
 -USS Cyane (WPC-105)
 -USS Daphne (WPC-106)
 -USS DCH-1 (IX-44)
 -USS Deactur (DD-341)
 -USS Defiance (AMc-73)
 -USS Demand (AMc-74)
 -USS Dent (DD-116)
 -USS Despatch (IX-2)
 -USS Detector (AMc-75)
 -USS Develin (AMc-45)
 -USS Diligence (WPC-135)
 -USS Dione (WPC-107)
 -USS Discoverer (ARS-3)
 -USS Dix (WPC-136)
 -USS Dolphin (SS-169)
 -USS Dominant (AMc-76)
 -USS Doran (DD-185)
 -USS Drum (SS-228)
 -USS Du Pont (DD-152)
 -USS Ebony (AN-15)
 -USS Edsall (DD-219)
 -USS Edwards (DD-265)
 -USS Egret (AMc-24)
 -USS Eider (AM-17)
 -USS Elder (AN-20)
 -USS Elliot (DMS-4)
 -USS Ellyson (DD-454)
 -USS Emmons (DD-457)
 -USS Endurance (AMc-77)
 -USS Energy (AMc-78)
 -USS Escanaba (WPG-77)
 -USS Eucalyptus (AN-16)
 -USS Ewing (WPC-137)
 -USS Exultant (AMc-79)
 -USS Fairfax (DD-93)
 -USS Faunce (WPC-138)
 -USS Favorite (IX-45)
 -USS Finch (AM-9)
 -USS Firecrest (AMc-33)
 -USS Flamingo (AMc-22)
 -USS Flicker (AM-70)
 -USS Flier (SS-250)
 -USS Flusser (DD-368)
 -USS Flying Fish (SS-229)
 -Folfax (WPC-133)
 -USS Foote (DD-169)
 -USS Franklin D. Roosevelt (CVB-42)
 -Frederick Lee (WPC-139)
 -USS Freedom (IX-43)
 -USS Frigate Bird (AMc-27)
 -USS Fulmar (AMc-46)
 -USS Fulton (AS-11)
 -Galatea (WPC-108)
 -USS Galaxy (IX-54)
 -USS Gamble (DM-15)
 -USS Gannet (AVP-8)
 -USS Gar (SS-206)
 -USS Gato (SS-212)
 -General Greene (WPC-140)
 -USS Genesee (ATO-55)
 -USS George E. Badger (DD-196)
 -USS George E. Badger (AVP-16)
 -USS George F. Elliott (AP-13)
 -USS Gillis (AVD-12)
 -USS Gillis (DD260)
 -USS Gold Star (AG-12)
 -USS Goldercrest (AM-80)
 -USS Goldfinch (AM-77)
 -USS Goldsborough (AVP18)
 -USS Goldsborough (DD-188)
 -USS Goshawk (AM-79)
 -USS Grackle (AM-73)
 -USS Grampus (SS-207)
 -USS Grayback (SS-208)
 -USS Grayling (SS-209)
 -USS Grebe (AM-43)
 -USS Greene (AVD-13)
 -USS Greene (DD-266)
 -USS Gregory (DD-82)
 -USS Grenadier (SS-210)
 -Gresham (WPG-85)
 -USS Gridley (DD-380)

-USS Griffin (AS-13)
 -USS Grosbeak (AMc-19)
 -USS Grouse (AMc-12)
 -USS Guadalupe (AO-32)
 -USS Gudgeon (SS-211)
 -USS Gull (AM-74)
 -USS Gum Tree (AN-18)
 -USS Hambleton (DD-455)
 -USS Hammondsport (APV-2)
 -USS Hamul (AK-30)
 -USS Hannibal (AG-1)
 -USS Haraden (DD-183)
 -Harriet Lane (WPC-141)
 -USS Hartford (IX-13)
 -USS Hawk (IX-14)
 -USS Hazel (AN-29)
 -USS Heath Hen (AMc-6)
 -USS Henry T. Allen (AP-30)
 -USS Hercules (AK-41)
 -Hermes (WPC-109)
 -USS Herndon (DD-198)
 -USS Heron (AVP-2)
 -USS Highland Light (IX-48)
 -USS Hilary P. Jones (DD-427)
 -USS Hogan (DD-178)
 -USS Hogan (DMS-6)
 -USS Holly (AN-19)
 -USS Hopewell (DD-181)
 -USS Hornbill (AMc-13)
 -USS Hovey (DMS-11)
 -USS Howard (DD-179)
 -USS Howard (DMS-7)
 -USS Humboldt (AVP-21)
 -USS Humming Bird (AMc-26)
 -USS Hunt (DD-194)
 -Icarus (WPC-110)
 -USS Ingraham (DD-444)
 -USS Isable (PY-10)
 -Itasca (CGC-50)
 -USS Iuka (ATO-37)
 -USS J. Franklin Bell (AP-34)
 -USS J. Fred Talbott (DD-156)
 -USS Jackamar (AMc-47)
 -Jackson (WPC-142)
 -USS Jade (PY-17)
 -USS Jasper (PYc-13)
 -USS John D. Edwards (DD-216)
 -USS John D. Ford (DD-228)
 -USS Joseph T. Dickman (AP-26)
 -USS Jouett (DD-396)
 -USS Kalk (DD-170)
 -USS Kalmia (ATO-23)
 -USS Kaula (AG-33)
 -USS Kent (Ap-28)
 -USS Keosanqua (ATO-38)
 -USS Kestrel (AMc-5)
 -USS Kewaydin (ATO-24)
 -Kickapoo (WPG-56)
 -USS Kildeer (AMC-21)
 -Kimball (WPC-143)
 -USS Kingbird (AMc-56)
 -USS Kingfisher (AM-25)
 -USS Kite (AM-75)
 -USS Kitty Hawk (APV-1)
 -USS Lamberton (DMS-2)
 -USS Lamson (DD-367)
 -USS Lanikai (Yacht)
 -USS Lapwing (AVP-1)
 -USS Larch (AN-21)
 -USS Lark (AM-21)
 -USS Laub (DD-263)
 -Legare (WPC-144)
 -USS Leonard Wood (AP-25)
 -USS Limpkin (AMc-48)
 -USS Linnet (AM-76)
 -USS Locust (AN-22)
 -USS Long (DD-209)
 -USS Long (DMS-12)
 -USS Longspur (AMc-10)
 -USS Lorikeet (AMc-49)
 -USS Luzon (PR-7)
 -USS MacKenzie (DD-175)
 -USS Mackerel (SS-204)
 -USS Maddow (DD-168)
 -USS Magpie (AMc-2)
 -USS Mahogany (AN-23)
 -USS Mahopac (ATO-29)
 -USS Mallard (ASR-4)
 -USS Manhasset (AG-47)
 -USS Manley (AG-28)
 -USS Manley (APD-1)
 -USS Marabout (AMc-50)
 -Marion (WPC-145)
 -USS Markab (AK-31)
 -USS Marlin (SS-205)
 -USS Mason (DD-191)
 -USS Maumee (AO-2)
 -USS McCalla (DD-253)
 -USS McCook (DD-252)
 -USS McCormick (DD-223)
 -USS McFarland (DD-237)
 -USS McKean (DD-90)
 -McLane (WPC-146)
 -USS Meade (DD-274)
 -Mendota (CGC-49)
 -USS Meredith (DD-434)
 -USS Miantonomoh (CM-10)
 -USS Mindanao (PR-8)
 -USS Mockingbird (AMc-28)
 -Modoc (WPG-46)
 -Mojave (WPG-47)
 -USS Monadnock (CM-9)
 -USS Monssen (DD-436)
 -USS Montcalm (ATO-39)
 -USS Montgomery (DM-17)
 -USS Monticello (AP-61)
 -USS Moonstone (PYc-9)
 -Morris (WPC-147)
 -USS Mount Baker (AE-4)
 -USS Mount Vernon (AP-22)
 -USS Napa (ATO-32)
 -USS Narwhal (SS-167)
 -USS Nautilus (SS-168)
 -Nemaha (WPC-148)
 -Nemesis (WPC-111)
 -USS Nightingale (AMc-18)
 -Nike (WPC-112)
 -North Star (WPG-59)
 -Northland (WPG-49)
 -Nourmahal (WPG-122)
 -USS Nourmahal (PG-72)
 -USS O-10 (SS-71)
 -USS O-2 (SS-63)
 -USS O-3 (SS-64)
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 -USS O-7 (SS-68)
 -USS O-8 (SS-69)
 -USS O-9 (SS-70)
 -USS Oaho (PR-6)
 -USS Olympia (IX-40)
 -Onondaga (WPG-79)
 -USS Ontario (ATO-13)
 -USS Onyx (PYc-5)
 -USS Opal (PYc-8)
 -USS Oriole (AM-7)
 -USS Orizaba (Ap-24)
 -USS Ortolan (ASR-5)
 -USS Osmond Ingram (AVD-9)
 -USS Osmund Ingram (DD-255)
 -USS Osprey (AM-56)
 -Ossipee (WPG-50)
 -USS Ostrich (AMc-51)
 -USS Otus (AS-20)
 -USS Paducah (PG-18)
 -USS Paducah (IX-23)
 -USS Palm (AN-28)
 -USS Palmer (DD-161)
 -Pamlico (WPG-57)
 -USS Panay (PR-5)
 -Pandora (WPC-113)
 -USS Paramount (AMc-92)
 -USS Parrakeet (AMc-34)
 -USS Parrot (DD-218)
 -USS Partridge (AM-16)
 -USS Paul Jones (DD-230)
 -USS Peacock (AM-46)
 -USS Peary (DD-226)
 -USS Pecos (AO-6)
 -USS Pelias (AS-14)
 -USS Pelican (AVP-6)
 -USS Perch (SS-176)
 -USS Permit (SS-178)
 -USS Perry (DMS-17)
 -Perseus (WPC-114)
 -USS Phoebe (AMc-57)
 -USS Pigeon (ASR-6)
 -USS Pike (SS-173)

-USS Pillsbury (DD-227)
 -USS Pintail (AMc-17)
 -USS Pipit (AMc-1)
 -USS Pleiades (AK-46)
 -USS Plover (AMc-3)
 -USS Plunger (SS-179)
 -USS Pollack (SS-180)
 -USS Pompano (SS-181)
 -USS Pope (DD-225)
 -USS President Adams (AP-38)
 -USS President Hayes (AP-39)
 -USS Prestige (AMc-97)
 -USS Procyon (AK-19)
 -USS Prometheus (AR-3)
 -USS Pruitt (DM-22)
 -USS Puffin (AMc-29)
 -Pulaski (WPC-149)
 -USS Pyro (AE-1)
 -USS Quail (AM-15)
 -USS R-1 (SS-78)
 -USS R-2 (SS-79)
 -USS R-3 (SS-80)
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 -USS R-18 (SS-95)
 -USS R-19 (SS-96)
 -USS R-20 (SS-97)
 -USS Rail (AM-26)
 -USS Rainier (AE-5)
 -USS Ralph Talbot (DD-390)
 -USS Ramsey (DM-16)
 -USS Rathburne (DD-113)
 -USS Raven (AM-55)
 -USS Redwing (ARS-4)
 -USS Redwood (AN-30)
 -USS Reedbird (AMc-30)
 -USS Reliable (AMc-100)
 -Reliance (WPC-150)
 -USS Rhea (AMc-58)
 -USS Rhodolite (PYc-19)
 -USS Richard Peck (IX-96)
 -USS Rigel (AR-11)
 -USS Ringgold (DD-89)
 -USS Road Runner (AMc-35)
 -USS Robert L. Barnes (AG-27)
 -USS Robin (AM-3)
 -USS Robinson (DD-88)
 -USS Rodgers (DD-254)
 -USS Roller (AMc-52)
 -USS Rosewood (AN-31)
 -USS Ruby (PY-21)
 -USS Ruff (AMc-59)
 -Rush (WPC-151)
 -USS S-1 (SS-105)
 -USS S-11 (SS-116)
 -USS S-12 (SS-117)
 -USS S-13 (SS-118)
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 -USS S-46 (SS-157)
 -USS S-47 (SS-158)
 -USS S-48 (SS-159)
 -USS Sabine (AO-25)
 -USS Sagamore (ATO-20)
 -USS Sailfish (SS-192)
 -USS Salamonie (AO-26)
 -USS Sapelo (AO-11)
 -USS Sapphire (PYc-2)
 -Saranac (CGC-52)
 -USS Sardonyx (PYc-12)
 -USS Sargo (SS-188)
 -USS Saury (SS-189)
 -USS Sculpin (SS-191)
 -USS Sea Otter I (IX-51)
 -USS Sea Otter II (IX-53)
 -USS Seadragon (SS-194)
 -USS Seagull (AM-30)
 -USS Seal (SS-183)
 -USS Sealion (SS-195)
 -USS Selfridge (DD-357)
 -USS Seminole (ATF-65)
 -USS Semmes (AG-24)
 -USS Semmes (DD-189)
 -USS Sepulga (AO-20)
 -USS Shark (SS-174)
 -Shawnee (WPG-54)
 -USS Shubrick (DD-268)
 -USS Siguorney (SS-81)
 -USS Silversides (SS-236)
 -USS Simpson (AG-97)
 -USS Skimmer (AMc-53)
 -USS Skipjack (SS-184)
 -USS Snapper (SS-185)
 -USS Southard (DMS-10)]
 -USS Spearfish (SS-190)
 -USS Spindrift (IX-49)
 -USS Squalus (SS-192)
 -USS St. Augustine (PG-54)
 -USS Stansbury (DD-180)
 -USS Stewart (DD-224)
 -USS Stingray (SS-186)
 -USS Stockton (SS-73)
 -USS Stratford (AP-41)
 -USS Sturtevant (DD-240)
 -USS Sunnadin (ATO-28)
 -USS Suwanee (AO-33)
 -USS Swan (AVP-7)
 -USS Swanson (DD-443)
 -USS Swasey (DD-273)
 -USS Swordfish (SS-193)
 -USS Sylph (PY-12)
 -Tallapoosa (WPG-52)
 -USS Tambor (SS-198)
 -Tampa (WPG-48)
 -USS Tanager (AM-5)
 -Taney (WPG-37)
 -USS Tapacola (AMc-54)
 -USS Tarazed (AF-13)
 -USS Tatnuck (ATO-27)
 -USS Tattnall (DD-125)
 -USS Tautog (SS-199)
 -USS Tern (AVP-5)
 -USS Thatcher (DD-162)
 -Thetis (WPC-115)
 -USS Thomas (DD-182)
 -USS Thornton (DD-270)
 -USS Thrush (AVP-3)
 -Tiger (WPC-152)
 -USS Tillman (DD-135)
 -USS Topaz (PYc-10)
 -USS Tourmaline (PY-20)
 -USS Transfer (IX-46)
 -Travis (WPC-153)
 -USS Triton (SS-201)
 -Triton (WPC-116)
 -USS Trout (SS-202)
 -USS Truant (PYc-14)
 -USS Tucker (DD-374)
 -USS Tuna (SS-203)

- USS Turaco (AMc-55)
- USS Turkey (AM-13)
- USS Turquoise (PY-18)
- USS Tuscarora (ATO-77)
- USS Tutuila (PR-4)
- USS Twiggs (DD-127)
- USS Umpqua (ATO-25)
- Unalaga (WPG-53)
- USS Undaunted (ATO-58)
- USS Uranus (AF-14)
- USS Vagrant (PYc-30)
- USS Valmarie (IX-47)
- Vigilant (WPC-154)
- USS Viking (ARS-1)
- USS Vileehi (IX-62)

- USS Vireo (AM-52)
- USS Wainwright (DD-419)
- USS Wake (PR-3)
- USS Wakefield (AP-21)
- USS Wandank (ATO-26)
- USS Warbler (ARS-11)
- USS Ward (DD-139)
- USS Wassuc (CMc-3)
- USS Waxbill (AMc-15)
- USS Welborn C. Wood (DD-195)
- USS Welles (DD-257)
- USS West Point (AP-23)
- USS Whipple (DD-217)
- USS Whippoorwill (AM-35)
- USS Wickes (DD-441)

- USS Widgeon (ASR-1)
- USS Willett (ARS-12)
- USS William B. Preston (AVD-7)
- USS William P. Biddle (AP-15)
- USS William Ward Burrows (AP-6)
- USS Williams (DD-108)
- USS Williamsburg (PG-56)
- USS Winooski (AO-38)
- Woodbury (WPC-155)
- USS Woodcock (AM-14)
- Yeaton (WPC-156)
- USS Zane (DD-337)
- USS Zane (DMS-14)
- USS Zeilin (AP-9)

Whew! That's well over 500 ships for which we have no covers. Of course, not all of these ships would have had covers. All but the larger Coast Guard ships, for example, were probably too small to expect covers from. Also, in spite of the surprisingly large number of submarines, only a small handful are known to have covers. Why? Well, I would think that in such close confines, with relatively primitive air circulation equipment, smoking would have been at least discouraged...but keep in mind that I'm ex-Army, so what do I know!

In any event, it's more than reasonable to surmise that there must be more Pre-War Navy Ship covers ...just waiting to be discovered. Do *you* have covers from any of the ships listed here? If so, *please* send me a scan so we can get them listed.

