

Military Hospitals

Not surprisingly, the high point of Military Hospital covers was the World War II era, and the vast majority of those covers, as can be seen here, were 40-strikes.

The Army, Navy, and Marines all had their own hospitals (remember, there was no 'Air Force' as a separate branch during the war; only the Army Air Forces). As you would expect, Army hospitals were the more common, since the Army was the largest of all the Armed Forces.

Military hospitals have a special meaning for me. I was in and out of several while growing up, since my father was a disabled veteran. But, also because I live right down the road from what used to be the DeWitt General Hospital right here in Auburn, California.

Almost all of the covers in this category are from that wonderful collection of covers issued by the military during World War II, when military installations abounded around the country—camps, forts, air bases, training centers, etc....and Military Hospitals.

Like DeWitt, almost all are long gone now, but the covers are still here, reminding us of other times and other events. As stated earlier, most of these WW II Hospital covers are 40-strikes, and I'll play it safe and say that 'almost' all of those are Universal issues. And, as with other Military 40-strikes of the period, many, if not most, doubled as post cards, which can be seen by the text and design on the inside of these covers.

There are currently some 261 Military Hospital covers listed. That's not counting Veterans Administration hospitals, which are collected as a separate category.



