

# Military Girlies

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For a category this big, there are surprisingly few Girlies, at least judging from my own collection (some 8,000 covers). Perhaps the Military, itself, had something to directly do with that. Maybe such were unofficially deemed inappropriate for the professional military. Although, I don't really believe that since 1) the 1940s and 1950s was the Golden Age of the pin-up girlie; 2) we're dealing with soldiers; and 3) there are enough Military Girlie covers spread out over a variety of bases and states to show that they weren't aberrations.

I didn't check the inside of the covers, it should be noted. I plead laziness there. I just didn't want to pull 8,000 covers out of plastic pages to check the inside.

Anyhow, I found only 3 Girlie singles (+1 'maybe'), 8 stock Girlies, and 36 sets (of 4-12? covers each). Of all those, only one wasn't a 20-strike. That's the 40-strike pictured on p. 4.

And, every single one was a front-striker. That makes sense with the Women's Movement starting in the 1970s, the Military's inclusion of women, etc. It definitely wasn't appropriate any longer...so *Farewell, Military Girlies*






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