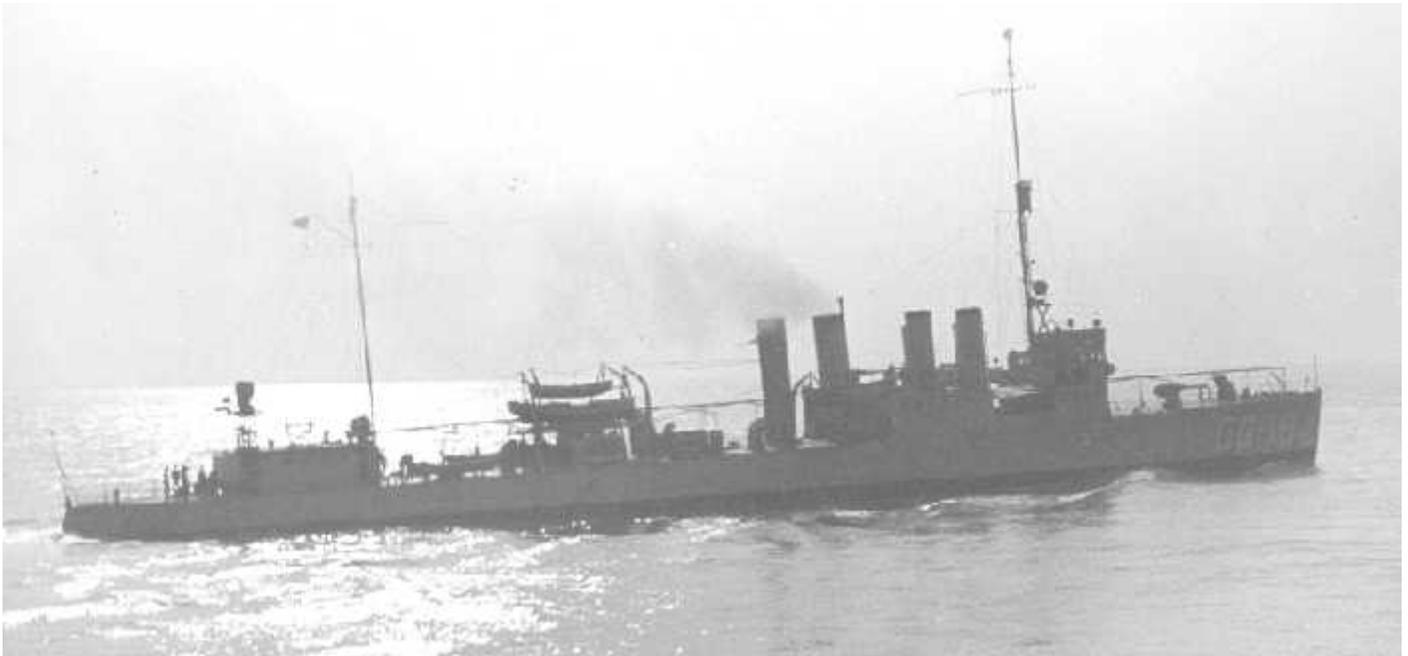


# Hunt

(CG-18)

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Built: Newport News Shipbuilding Company, Newport News VA  
Commissioned: 30 Sep 1920  
Acquired: 13 Sep 1930  
Commissioned (USCG): 5 Feb 1931  
Decommissioned: 28 May 1934  
Displacement: 1,190 tons  
Dimensions: 314' 5" overall x 31' 9" x 9'10" draft  
Machinery: Geared turbines, 2 screws, 26,500 hp, 35 knots  
Complement: 101 (USN)  
Armament: 5-4"/50 (USN)

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## Design and Service

A total of thirty-one Navy destroyers were lent to the Coast Guard for the enforcement of Prohibition. The vessels ranged from the prewar 742-ton "flivvers" to the postwar four-stack flush deckers like *Hunt*. Adapting these vessels to service was thought to be less costly than building new ships. The wartime service and exceedingly poor condition of earlier destroyer classes often required nearly a year of reconditioning before they were seaworthy. The flush deckers, on the other hand, were in much better condition. Not having had wartime service, they were more quickly reconditioned for anti-bootlegging patrols.

These vessels were also by far the largest and most sophisticated vessels ever operated by the service. Trained personnel were nearly nonexistent. Congress authorized hundreds of new enlistees. It was these inexperienced men that generally made up the crews of these vessels. All were capable of over 25 knots, an advantage in the rum-chasing business, but they were easily outmaneuvered by smaller boats. As a result, the destroyers' mission was to picket the larger supply

ships ("mother ships") and prevent them from off-loading their cargo onto smaller, speedier contact boats.

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### **Operational History**

5 Feb 1931 Transferred to Coast Guard. Placed in commission at Philadelphia Navy Yard.

10 Feb 1931 Left Philadelphia Navy Yard and arrived at her permanent station at Stapleton, NY.

18 Apr 1932 Headquarters directed transfer to Commander, New York Division. *Hunt* became the flagship of the Special Patrol Force with Headquarters at Stapleton, NY.

28 Dec 1932 Headquarters directed *Hunt* to be transferred to Division II, Destroyer Force, effective 6 Jan 1933.

#### **Cuban Expedition**

7 Sep 1933 Discontinued target practice at Hampton Roads, VA and left for Key West, FL.

9 Sep 1933 Arrived in Key West for duty with the Navy.

6 Nov 1933 Released from duty with the Navy. Headquarters directed ship to return to duty in Eastern Area. Left Key West.

9 Nov 1933 Arrived at Stapleton, NY.

28 May 1934 Decommissioned and returned to the Navy.

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