

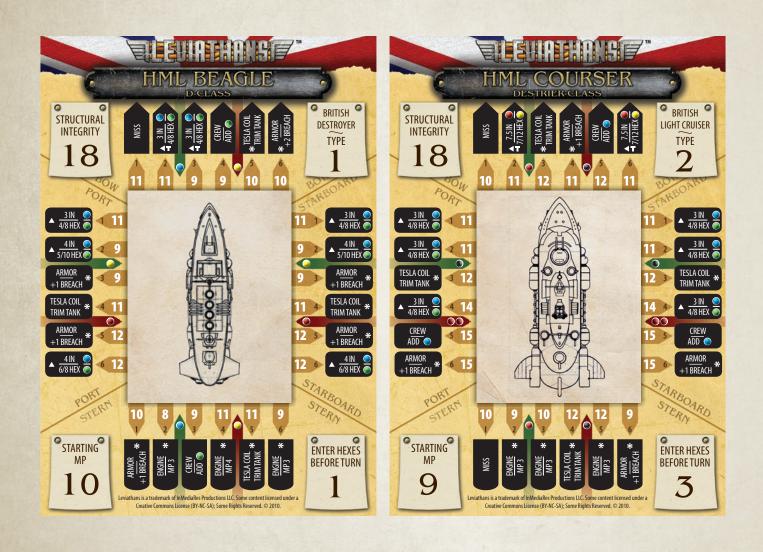
JAMES' FIGHTING LEVIATHANS

EXCERPT FROM THE 1910 EDITION



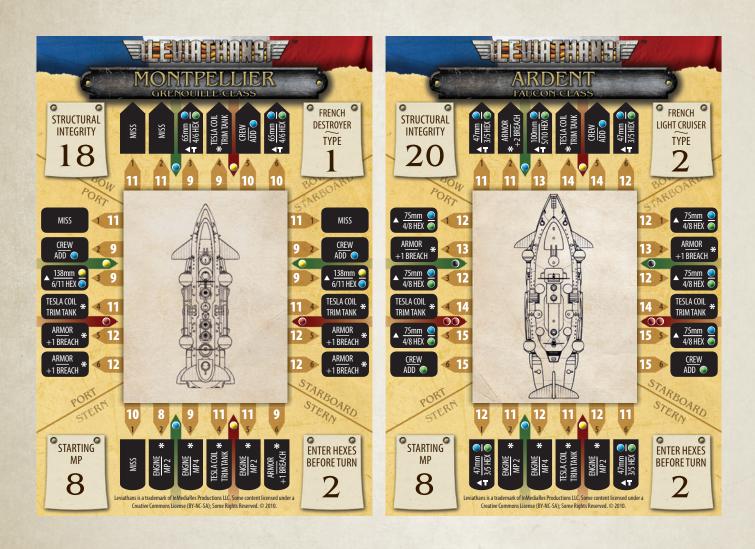












→ HML BEAGLE ←

When the Royal Sky Fleet suffered its humiliating (if remarkably bloodless) defeat over the waters of the Baltic, the Admiralty launched a series of investigations

series of investigations into what could be done to prevent such an incident from occurring again. The result was the D-Class

Mod. 22 destroyer, of which four were built before the extra cost per vessel was deemed out of line with performance gains. The Mod. 22's major difference from the existing D-Class is the mounting of a Perkins mainline airscrew, which propels the

Beagle and her sisters through the air up to 20 percent faster than their more venerable brethren

> Lieutenant Commander Sir Chester Montgomery is the current commander of the Beagle, the only knighted officer

of the Beagle, the only knighted officer below the rank of Admiral in the Sky

Fleet. In Montgomery's case, the honorific exists by dint of his birth, a hereditary title passed down through the family. This has not stopped the brash young officer from using the title to lord it over his classmates at Whale Island, and now his crew.

D-class Destroyer

Dimensions 155 ft. x 33 ft. x 40 ft. (excluding funnels & masts)

Complement: 53

Weight: 910 tons

Engines: Turbines for 25,500 SHP (max 49 knots)

Fuel: oil, 100 tons

Armament: 4-4", 6-3" QF

→ HML COURSER ←

With the deployment of the French Liberté-class cruisers, the Royal Sky Fleet realized the venerable County-class

wenerable County-class would soon be outdated. Faster, better armed and still as well protected as the Countys, the Libertés would become the bane of Sky Fleet tacticians.

While conventional British wisdom dictared simply adding more guns and armour to modified Country-class vessels, Vickers Shipyards proposed their own inhouse solution: the Destrier-class cruiser. As fast as the Libertés, but armoured only slightly better than a D-class, the Destrier-class would maneuver into the Libertés rear quarter, avoiding the deadly torpedo banks, while opening up with its massive twin 7.5 inchers.

The Destrier-class is largely seen as an experiment in ship design, and so far Vickers has

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gn, and so far Vickers has only received funding for three vessels. The first of these, the HML Courser, is an exercise in compromise. Rather than a Sky Fleet officer

vessel, a Vickers representative is the Ship's Master, with tactical control going to the Sky Fleet executive officer, Sky Captain Neville Miller Mr. Scott Michaels of Vickers is a former Royal Navy officer, and so has some understanding of tactics, but the tight leash placed on him by his civilian masters means he inevitably finds himself clashing with the tacturn Miller on all but the smallest issues.

Destrier-class Light Cruiser

Dimensions: 301 ft. x 55 ft. x 60 ft. (excluding funnels & masts)

Complement: 210

Weight: 5,100 tons

Engines: Turbines, for 22,000 SHP (max 46 knots)

Fuel: oil, 400 tons

Armament: 2-7.5", 4-3" OF



→ MONTPELLIER ←

"There are times we do things simply to confound our foes," were the words at the surprise christening of

the Montpellier in 1904.
The Fleet de Volée had ordered her hull laid in secret in a new construction facility

located somewhere in central France. The British Foreign Service had not known that the ship was under construction until she arrived at La Borget for her christening ceremony. This sudden appearance shook the intelligence services of several governments.

The Montpellier is a fast destroyer packing a powerful wallop in the form of a 138mm forward turret, putting her on a par with many cruisers.

Unlike many French
destroyers, she lacks
the traditional torpedo
launching tubes, but
her heavy punch of
firepower more than

makes up for it.

Under the command of Capitaine Francois Baston, she is usually assigned to squadrons along the German border and, more recently, in a stint along the Channel coast. Rumors abound that the Montpellier will be attached to a new squadron in North Africa, but these have wet to be confirmed.

Grenouille-class Destroyer

Dimensions: 185 ft. x 32 ft. x 40 ft. (excluding funnels & masts)

Complement: 70

Weight: 785 tons

Engines: Turbines, for 12,000 SHP (max 42 knots)

Fuel: oil, 120 tons

Armament: 2-138mm, 2-65mm

→ ARDENT *

The Ardent (or Ardent Faucon, as she is often referred to) is the third hull laid down

of the Faucon-class. She represents the French penchant for customization to a hull configuration. The

Ardent is armed with a formidable 100mm forward turret and bristles with 75mm broadside capabilities, and has removed the torpedo tubes in

favor of more blunt firepower.

The Ardent has been posted to patrol the Mediterranean under the command of Capitaine Gustav Trelene.

Trelene, known as the "one-

eyed-wonder," was wounded by a piece of shrapnel from a skirmish with the British. Since

assuming command, he has been considered somewhat reckless in his willingness to confront ships from other countries. This

aggressiveness has put the Ardent in harm's way on several occasions and has carned Trelene a great deal of distinction in the Fleet de Volée. The reputation of the ship is such that when other vessels spot the Ardent, they are known to prepare for battle, whether or not the situation merits it.

Faucon-class Light Cruiser

Dimensions 250 ft. x 72 ft. x 80 ft. (excluding funnels & masts)

Complement: 297

Weight: 4,850 tons

Engines: Triple expansion for 14850 SHP, max speed 38 knots

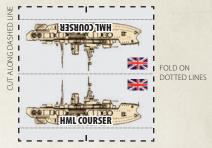
Fuel: coal, normal 400, max 495

Armament: 2-100mm, 6-75mm, 4-47mm





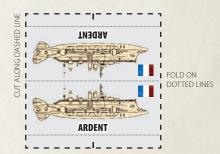
















Since the *Leviathans Core Box Set* has not yet released, players cut-out and use these playing pieces for their QSR games in place of the high-quality plastic miniatures found in the core box.

