DUPUY DE LÖME
LIBERTÉ-CLASS
The appearance of the Liberté-class light air cruiser marked a significant shift in the balance of power in the air over Europe. Previously, vessels of this size served as the “greyhounds of empire,” independently patrolling and carrying orders hither and yon. The Liberté-class, however, seems designed for one thing—killing enemy aerial vessels.

The Dupuy de Lôme, however, seems to have been designed with a slightly different prey in mind—surface ships. In keeping with the theories of the Jeune Ecole, this refinement of the base Liberté is well suited to the role of commerce raider; compared to the rest of its class, the Dupuy trades a few knots of maximum speed for higher endurance, and weight of fire for greater numbers of rounds carried. Aerial torpedoes are still carried, for their ability to menace even the largest commercial shipping and for their effectiveness against enemy aerial vessels.

The Dupuy’s commander, Lieutenant de aérien Jean-Francoise Le Bris, is known to be an aggressive man, so much so that there are reports of him clashing with his commanding officer, the Cigognes Squadron’s Commandant de aérien Davies.

Liberté-class
Light Cruiser

Dimensions: 296 ft. x 62 ft. x 77 ft. (excluding funnels & masts)
Complement: 350
Weight: 5,360 tons
Engines: Turbines, producing 17,650 shaft hp (max. speed 52 knots)
Fuel: (coal) normal 718 tons; max 776 tons
Armament: 4-100mm, 4-65mm, 2 launch bays