Unlike the majority of its County-class brethren, the Hertfordshire has received the unusual modification of removing the aerial torpedo bays for additional gun mounts on its flanks, the single turrets nestled just aft of the central stack. This vastly increases the Hertfordshire’s firepower but dramatically reduces its range, leaving observers to assume that the modified cruiser is being developed with convoy protection duties in mind.

Lieutenant Commander Christopher Fermoy is current commander of the Hertfordshire, having served with distinction onboard the HMS Vengeance before transferring to Whale Island for leviathan training. A product of the Admiralty, Fermoy has made his dissatisfaction well known regarding his posting on “one of the toys,” but First Sea-Lord Fisher’s assurances that his time with the Sky Fleet is limited has done much to calm the brilliant young officer.

County-class Light Cruiser

Dimensions: 290 ft. x 55 ft. x 65 ft. (excluding funnels & masts)
Complement: 253
Weight: 4.800 tons
Engines: Triple expansion, producing 18,000 shaft hp (max. speed 30 knots)
Fuel: (coal) normal 450 tons; max 650 tons
Armament: 3-6”, 2-4.7”, 4-3” QF