HML MEDUSA
LEVIATHAN-CLASS
The HML Medusa is the third Leviathan-class raised from the Coventry graving yards. Scheduled for launch in the autumn of 1908, the hull was kept unchristened for an extra six months while a major argument played out among the Royal Sky Fleet's aerial architects.

The Leviathan class had been laid down with a mixed secondary broadside armament—6" cannon designed for engaging cruisers, backed by multiple 3" barbettes for protection against lighter air vessels. Information obtained by Her Majesty's Secret Service suggested (incorrectly, as it turned out) that French gunnery had improved to the point that their guns would outrange those of the British. By the time the truth was known, it was too late to change the plans. The Medusa and its sister vessel Cyclops mounted a standardised broadside of 4.7" guns, supplemented by a pair of aerial torpedo launch bays, one per side.

Captain Terrence Lancsman has just taken command of the HML Medusa, and both are to be sent on a “show the flag” cruise covering northern Africa, following the damage to the HML Leviathan in the Battle of the Pyramids.

**Leviathan-class Battleship**

- **Dimensions:** 439 ft. x 78 ft. x 86 ft. (excluding funnels & masts)
- **Complement:** 598
- **Weight:** 16,375 tons
- **Engines:** Triple expansion, producing 18,000 shaft hp (max. speed 19 knots)
- **Fuel:** (coal) normal 950 tons; max 2,150 tons (also 400 tons oil)
- **Armament:** 4-12", 3-9.2", 10-4.7", 2 launch bays