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New Releases

Great news from Trumpeter!

Indeed the Chinese company has managed to surprise the ship modeling world by announcing the release of two new kits in 1/350. The HMS Robert and the Tsesarevich. Both unusual ships, one being a monitor (albeit a large one) and the second a Russian battleship built in France!

Thank you Trumpeter for not releasing another Bismarck, Yamato, or New Jersey.

I will have info on the HMS Robert on the January newsletter, for space sake I will provide only a historical background on the Russian ship.

Imperial Russian Navy Tsesarevich

Along with the American built Retvisan and several destroyers and cruisers, the Tsesarevich was built at a foreign shipyard (La Seyne, France), partly because Russia was anxious to obtain up-to-date equipment and partly because she was unable to keep up with additional requests imposed on her shipyards. The ship was of typical French design with a pronounced tumblehome and a blocky superstructure. The bow was fairly high and the forecastle extended as far as the mainmast. The powerful main armament of four 305mm in two turrets centered on the longitudinal axis was also in line with the French practice. The anti-torpedo armor was better than any of her contemporaries. The secondary armament was made up of twelve 152mm guns divided into six turrets, 3 on each side. At the battle of the Yellow Sea (1905) the Tsesarevich was the flagship of Vice-Admiral Vitgeft. A lucky 12" round from a Japanese battleship hit the

foremast and killed the Vice-Admiral leaving the Russian squadron without leadership. The ship managed to escape to China where she was interned for the duration of the war. It was found that she had been hit by twelve 12" rounds

without impeding her fighting or steaming abilities. During WWI she was managed to survive a fight with the two German dreadnoughts Koning and Kronprinz.

The Tsesarevich was a successful design. The attempt to improve on it were the ill fated Borodino class .

Length : 388 feet

Beam : 76 feet

Crew : 780

MERIT Models 1/72 OSA-1 Russian Missile Boat

Another surprise release from a company known for some esoteric releases such as a 1/200 Hornet, 1/16 M198 howitzer, and a 1/18 flak gun.

One thing they are not known for is a constant scale! The OSA is about 19" long and 4 1/4" wide, plastic and metal parts retails for \$89.

- John Thirion

