

Georgios Averof (Greek: Γεώργιος Αβέρωφ)

Pisa Class Armoured Cruiser

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Kit: YSMasterpieces YS-005



Bill tells us the following:

Georgios Averof (Γεώργιος Αβέρωφ) is a modified Pisa class armoured cruiser built in Italy for the Royal Hellenic Navy in the first decade of the 20th century. The ship served as the Greek flagship during most of the first half of the century. Although popularly known as a battleship in Greece she is, in fact, an armoured cruiser; the only ship of this type still in existence. At the beginning of the 20th century, Greece decided to reinforce its fleet, whose ships were fast becoming obsolete due to the rapidly advancing naval technology of the era. The ship, like her Italian sisters - Amalfi and Pisa, was built in the Orlando shipyards at Livorno in Italy. The ship was built with a combination of Italian engines, French boilers, British guns and German generators!

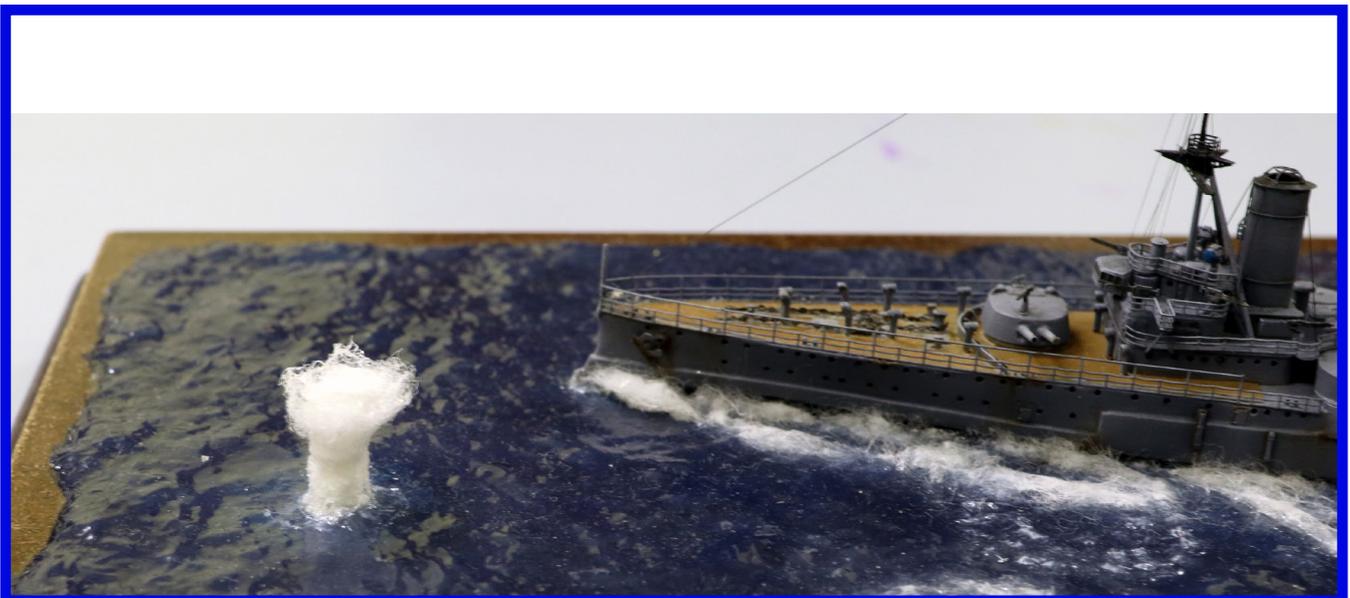
The small scale cruiser from [YSmasterpieces](#) has the same excellent quality as its 1:350th big brother.

The masts of the ship were rebuilt from brass rod. The resin barrels were replaced with brass barrels. An elastic thread of 0.001 diameter was used for rigging. The aerial antenna were scratch built from photo-etched rings and elastic thread. Water effect of the bombs are from cotton and acrylic gel. As always, the whole project was painted using acrylics and some oils for the sea.

This next one shows the phenomenal amount of detail that has been built into this model which is only 200mm (7.8") long!



Here you can see the bomb explosions in close up.



Note (by David): I thought that I heard Bill say that he had made the 1:350th version and that this was now in a museum in Athens.