

ASSAULT CARRIER

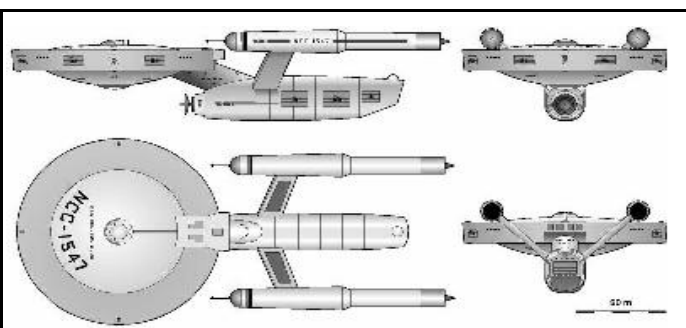
BELLEAU WOOD

HISTORIC FEDERATION VESSEL

Classification:	ASSAULT CARRIER
Class:	XII
Model:	I
Class Commission Date:	2230
Number Proposed:	
Constructed:	20
Lost:	
Destroyed:	
Scrapped:	
Training:	
Captured:	
Sold:	
Superstructure:	61
Damage Chart:	C
Dimensions:	
Length:	245.13m
Width:	114.30m
Height:	56.63m
Displacement:	209300 mt
Cargo Specs	
Total SCU:	829 SCU
Cargo Capacity:	41460 mt
Computer Type:	L-4
Landing Capacity:	N
Cloaking Device:	
Power to Engage:	
Transporters:	
6-person:	1
20-person Combat:	50
22-person Emergency:	4
cargo:	27
Laboratories:	4
Brigs:	19
Replicators:	
Shuttlecraft:	
Light Shuttle:	
Standard Shuttle:	
Heavy Shuttle:	25
Cargo Shuttle:	
Medical Shuttle:	
Combat Shuttle:	
Ships Complement:	1305
Officers:	61
Enlisted:	244
Troops:	1000
Passengers:	25
ENGINEERING:	
Total Power Available:	48
Movement Point Ratio:	5/1
Warp Engine Type:	FCTL-4B
Number:	2
Power Units:	18
Stress Chart:	P/L
Optimum Speed:	2.40
Max Safe Cruising:	3.20
Emergency Speed:	4.50
Maximum Speed:	5.00
Impulse Engine Type:	FNSP-6C
Power Units:	12
WEAPONS/DEFENSE	
Beam Weapon:	FEL-7
Firing Arcs:	2FP,2FS,2F
Firing Chart:	H
Maximum Power:	2
Damage Modifiers	
+3	
+2	
+1	1-4
Beam Weapon:	
Firing Arcs:	
Firing Chart:	
Maximum Power:	
Damage Modifiers	
+3	
+2	
+1	
Torpedo Type:	
Firing Arcs:	
Firing Chart:	
Power To Arm:	
Damage:	
Stock:	

NB This include 25,000mt of small craft.
Displacement without small craft was 184,300mt

Shields:	
Shield Type:	FDS-X
Shield Point Ratio:	2/1
Maximum Shield:	3
Combat Efficiency	6.5
D-	98.5
WDF-	6.6



The Belleau wood class assault transport was designed to serve as the command ship for landings on heavily defended planetary surfaces. Starfleet had shuttlecarriers, but these carried fighters for ship-to-ship engagements or to attack ground-based and orbital targets. Troop landing craft and assault carriers had been judged unnecessary since the introduction of the combat transporter in the early 2210s. This policy was reconsidered after June 2224, when 127 Starfleet Marines were killed during transport at Homunculus XX. Electromagnetic pulses from stealthed orbital minifusion warheads disrupted the transporter's annular confinement beams and irretrievably disperse the matter streams.

Although the transporter was still the favored mode of assault, its vulnerability to disruption by energy and physical obstacles led Starfleet to recognize the importance of maintaining a shipborne landing capability. As a stop-gap, several existing shuttlecarriers were refitted in 2225 with facilities for Marines and a small number of assault shuttlecraft. Then, in December 2227 work started on the Belleau Wood class assault transport, which was based upon the Valley Forge class cruisers that had entered service one month earlier.

To increase primary hull volume, the class introduced a where additional decks were placed in the center of the primary hull. These new decks massviely increased the volume of the primary hull and provided space for enlarged cargo holds, training rooms, simulators (for troops and pilots), armories, cargo bays, auxiliary shuttlecraft bays, command centers, and an enlarged sickbay capable of handling large numbers of casualties. Most research facilities were removed as a consequence of the specialized mission role.

The secondary hull was redesigned to house the new assault shuttlecraft decks, (including maintenance bays, hanger space, fuel storage, launch/recovery facilities, and pilot and trooper ready rooms). The launch and recovery facilities could handle 25 standard type 15 Heavy shuttlecraft, which could land a total of 1000 Marines in a single wave (or 500 Marines with mechanized armor) .A more powerful communications array was installed in the forward secondary hull to complement the enlarged combat command center in the primary hull to allow the class to serve as assault command ships.

As the class was always to be accompanied by escorts, and because orbital bombardment was to be performed by specialized arsenal ships (also known as fleet monitors) or heavy cruisers, only defensive weapons were carried. This weaponry was intended as the last line of defense against enemy craft that had penetrated the fleet's outer defensive sphere.

The class took part in most major Marine operations from April 2230 until their retirement. At least one ship from the class would be present so that shipborne landings could proceed should transporter-borne landings be disrupted, otherwise they transported their troops down as usual. Ships of the class landed troops by assault shuttle at numerous actions including those at Lisyk VIII in 2232, Dantooine in 2241, and Theta Pegasi II in 2255. Belleau Wood class ships have also been involved in several planetary evacuations and relief operations. The last ship in service, USS Okinawa, was retired in 2276.

USS WILLIAM MANDELLA, NCC-1562, a participant in landings at Lisyk VIII, Thaae, and Corf I is now on display at the Starfleet Museum.

Commissioned Ships		
BELLEAU WOOD	NCC-1547	ARGONNE NCC-1557
VERACRUZ	NCC-1548	TRIPOLI NCC-1558
HELLAS PLANITIA	NCC-1549	BRANDYWINE NCC-1559
IWO JIMA	NCC-1550	LUZON NCC-1560
BOUGAINVILLE	NCC-1551	RODGER YOUNG NCC-1561
OKINAWA	NCC-1552	WILLIAM MANDELLA NCC-1562
QUEBEC	NCC-1553	MARYGAY POTTER NCC-1563
CHUPACABRA	NCC-1554	SEVASTAPOL NCC-1564
DIEPPE	NCC-1555	MALTA NCC-1565
SAIPAN	NCC-1556	YADALLA NCC-1566

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