

- *Halberd*-class destroyer {CanonFodder} {Mythos:p82} {Warfleet:p32}
 - Role: Attack; escort {Warfleet:p32}
 - Manufacturer: SinoViet Heavy Machinery {Warfleet:p32}
 - Length: 485m (1,591.21ft) {TFoR:p139} {Mythos:p82} {Warfleet:p32}
 - Width:
 - Height:
 - Mass: 1.8 million mt {Warfleet:p32} (Almost as heavy as the frigates *Meriwether Lewis* and *Midsummer Night* combined) {TFoR:p139} **8,000 tons** {TFoR:p197} **7,900 tons** {Universe} [33% less massive than Covenant destroyers] {TFoR:p146}
 - Crew: 300 {Calculated}
 - 250 (Navy) {Warfleet:p32}
 - 50 (Marines) {Warfleet:p32}
 - Armament:
 - 14B11R2 MAC (2) {TFoR:p139} {Universe} {Mythos:p82}
 - Twin-linked:
 - Primary: 1,170mm {Mythos:p83}
 - Payload: standard munitions packages ranging from hyper-dense kinetic kill slugs to semi-autonomous drone missiles {Warfleet:p32}
 - Secondary: 647mm high-velocity {Mythos:p83} {Warfleet:p32}
 - Payload: kinetic rounds {Warfleet:p32}
 - More than 5 superconducting magnets {TFoR:p157}
 - M58 Archer missile pods (26) (fore & aft) {Warfleet:p32} {TFoR:p139} {TFoR:p148}
 - M870 Rampart point defense guns (4) {Warfleet:p32}
 - Shiva Nuclear-tipped Missile (3) {TFoR:p139} {TFoR:p148} {Universe}
 - Equipment:
 - Titanium-A reinforced armor battleplate, 150cm or nearly 200cm thickness {FS:p207} {TFoR:p7} {TFoR:p157} {Mythos:p83}
 - Fusion drives {Mythos:p82}
 - Primary (4) {Mythos:p82}
 - Secondary (4) {Mythos:p82}
 - Fuel: deuterium and helium-3 {Warfleet:p33}
 - Thrust-vectoring plates {Warfleet:p33}
 - Shaw-Fujikawa core {MITHOM:p95} {Mythos:p82}
 - MAC capacitor cells (8) {Warfleet:p33}
 - Mark 45 long-range fire director (advanced sensor array) {Mythos:p82}
 - Lifepods {MITHOM:p95}
 - Self-destruct system {MITHOM:p101}
 - Network of shaped nuclear charges {MITHOM:p102}
 - Decompression alarms {TFoR:p190}
 - Camera 1 {Inferred}
 - Camera 2 {Inferred}
 - Camera 3 {Inferred}
 - Camera 4 {Inferred}
 - Camera 5 (Aft-starboard view) {TFoR:p162}
 - Emergency Thruster Tanks (6) {TFoR:p149}
 - Fuel: Trihydride tetrazine and hydrogen peroxide; mixed explosively. {TFoR:p149}
 - Vehicle Complement:

- D77-TC Pelican dropships (2) {Warfleet:p33}
- Decks:
- Directory:
 - Bridge (E-pattern) (circular, with brass railing) {TFoR:p138} {MITHOM:p94} {Mythos:p82}
 - Command Station
 - Navigation Station (Astronav) {MITHOM:p97}
 - Weapons Station
 - Holotank 1 {TFoR:p191}
 - Holotank 2 {TFoR:p191}
 - Briefing Room (triangular-shaped) {TFoR:p75}
 - Captain's Quarters
 - Crew quarters {Mythos:p83}
 - Med Bay {MITHOM:p90}
 - Engineering {MITHOM:p95}
 - Flight deck/hangar {Mythos:p83} {Warfleet:p32}
 - Weapons locker
 - Decks 3–6 damaged in 2552 {TFoR:p197}
- Remarks:
 - Fast and requiring only a small crew, what the *Halberd*-class destroyer lacks in general-purpose utility it makes up for in firepower. Its modular design meant it could be easily configured for different missions, but the realities of resource shortfalls during the Covenant War meant most *Halberds* were configured purely for escort duty, with entire subsystems left out to reduce construction time. {CanonFodder}
 - Unlike other UNSC fleet ships, destroyers had no Longsword single ships. Their extra mass, compared to frigates, comes from nearly 2m thick armor. {TFoR:p139}
 - Destroyers were essentially frigates with 1.5m of Titanium-A armor instead of 60cm {FS:p207}
 - Class is 7m longer than frigate UNSC *Midsummer Night* {TFoR:p139}
- Known Ships:
 - *Armageddon's Edge* {TCP:p21} {TCP:p26}
 - Remarks:
 - Ship that took Lt. Jacob Keyes to the colony Chi Rho to meet the frigate *Midsummer Night*. {TCP:p26}
 - *Halberd*
 - UNSC Registry:
 - Remarks:
 - Lead vessel of her class. {Inferred}
 - *Herodotus*
 - UNSC Registry:
 - Status:
 - Destroyed August 30, 2552 {TFoR:p320}
 - *Iroquois* {TFoR:p139} {Mythos:p82}
 - UNSC Registry: DD-906 {Mythos:p82} {Loftus}
 - Keel Laid: 2551 {Mythos:p82}
 - Launch Date: April, 2552 {TFoR:p139} {Mythos:p82}
 - Ship's motto: "Alea lacta Est" ("The die is cast") {Mythos:p82} {Fact}
 - Crew:
 - Commanding Officer: Commander Jacob Keyes {Mythos:p82}

- Remarks:
 - When launched from the shipyard, the port and starboard flanks were illicitly painted with two long streaks of crimson war paint in honor of her namesake. (TFoR:p139) *Iroquois* is considered "fast, well armored, and armed to the teeth" (TFoR:p139)
- *Pioneer* (TFoR:p75) (TFoR-A)
 - UNSC Registry:
 - Remarks:
 - Transported Spartan-IIs on their first official mission to locate and apprehend Col. Robert Watts. (TFoR-A)
- *The Heart of Midlothian* (MITHOM:p82)
 - UNSC Registry: DD-366 (MITHOM:WP)
 - Crew:
 - Sgt. Michael Baird, ODST (MITHOM:p83)
 - Medical Technician (MITHOM:p81)
 - Equipment:
 - Ship's AI: Mo Ye (MITHOM:p83)
 - Remarks:
 - *The Heart of Midlothian* was a UNSC destroyer which participated in a number of engagements throughout the Covenant War – the final being a fateful journey to the remote colony of Algis.

Approximately 485 meters from stem to stern and weighing in at 7,900 metric tons, the *Midlothian* hefted a pair of magnetic accelerator cannons, a Shiva-class nuclear payload, and an Archer missile firing array. It was, without a doubt, a ship to be reckoned with.

Although UNSC destroyers were historically employed on escort missions or in large-scale fleet engagements, the *Midlothian* had been sent alone to the planet of Algis, where a small Covenant contingent had made landfall. Upon arrival, the *Midlothian* was to slingshot the gravity well of a nearby gas giant, following an asteroidal trajectory toward the planet.

After deploying a groundside detachment which included ODSTs, the destroyer was to rendezvous with a frigate in low orbit to assist with evacuation efforts. After evacuating the population and destroying a series of classified prototype weapon systems – preventing Covenant capture of cutting-edge technology – these ships were then to loop out of orbit and escape prior to the arrival of a larger enemy force.

The Heart of Midlothian, however, never made it to Algis. The destroyer was assaulted by a battlegroup of Covenant ships. Shortly after it was forcibly boarded, the ship was destroyed – as required by the Cole Protocol – an act which would

prevent information about the location of Earth from falling into enemy hands. {Universe}

- The only survivor was Sgt. Mike Baird, an ODST in med bay being treated for cancer. His reduced vital signs were passed over by Covenant scanners when they boarded. With the help of the ship's AI, he was able to successfully destroy the ship at the cost of his own life. {MITHOM:p81-102}