

= SMS Pfeil =

SMS Pfeil was an aviso of the Imperial German Navy , the second and final member of the Blitz class . She had one sister ship , SMS Blitz . Pfeil was laid down at the Kaiserliche Werft shipyard in Wilhelmshaven in 1881 , launched in September 1882 , and commissioned in November 1884 . Throughout her career , Pfeil served in various units in the German fleet and participated in numerous training exercises . In 1889 ? 90 , she was sent to German East Africa to assist in the suppression of a colonial revolt . In 1894 ? 99 , she was used as a fishery protection ship , and after 1904 , she was used as a tender for the battle fleet . She served in this capacity until 1919 . Pfeil was stricken from the naval register in February 1922 and subsequently broken up for scrap .

= = Design = =

Pfeil was 78 @. @ 43 meters (257 @. @ 3 ft) long overall and had a beam of 9 @. @ 9 m (32 ft) and a maximum draft of 4 @. @ 07 m (13 @. @ 4 ft) forward . She displaced 1 @, @ 486 metric tons (1 @, @ 463 long tons ; 1 @, @ 638 short tons) at full combat load . Her propulsion system consisted of two horizontal 2 @- @ cylinder double expansion engines . Steam for the engines was provided by eight coal @- @ fired cylindrical boilers . The ship 's propulsion system provided a top speed of 15 @. @ 6 kn (28 @. @ 9 km / h ; 18 @. @ 0 mph) and a range of approximately 2 @, @ 440 nautical miles (4 @, @ 520 km ; 2 @, @ 810 mi) at 9 kn (17 km / h ; 10 mph) . Pfeil had a crew of 7 officers and 127 enlisted men .

As built , the ship was armed with one 12 @. @ 5 cm (4 @. @ 9 in) K L / 23 gun placed in a pivot mount . The gun was supplied with 100 rounds of ammunition . The ship was also equipped with four 8 @. @ 7 cm K L / 23 guns in single mounts . Pfeil also carried one 35 cm (14 in) torpedo tube mounted in the bow . In 1891 ? 92 , the ship was rearmed with six 8 @. @ 8 cm SK L / 30 guns in single mounts and three 35 cm torpedo tubes , one in the bow and one on each broadside , all submerged in the hull .

= = Service history = =

Pfeil was laid down at the Kaiserliche Werft shipyard in Wilhelmshaven in 1881 . She was launched on 16 September 1882 , and commissioned into the German fleet on 25 November 1884 . From her commissioning , she was employed as a tender for the fleet . Pfeil participated in the annual maneuvers in the summer of 1885 . She was assigned to the unarmored division , along with the old sailing corvettes Stein , Olga , and Sophie . Independent division exercises took place in June , and in August , the divisions , which also included an armored division composed of several ironclads and a torpedo boat division led by Pfeil 's sister ship Blitz , joined for combined fleet maneuvers that lasted until September .

In 1889 , Pfeil and the unprotected cruiser Schwalbe were sent to German East Africa to participate in the suppression of local resistance to German colonial rule . By November 1890 , the rebellion had been defeated and German imperial rule returned . Pfeil was the first steel @- @ hulled , unrigged warship ever sent by Germany to its African colonies . In 1891 , Pfeil served in the Training Squadron as a torpedo boat flotilla leader , along with Blitz and the aviso Jagd . During the annual summer exercises , the Training Squadron served as the hostile fleet , and conducted a mock attack on the harbor at Kiel . In early 1894 , Pfeil was assigned to the I Division of the Maneuver Squadron as the dispatch vessel for the four Sachsen @- @ class ironclads . Later that year , the ship was used for fishery protection duties . She participated in the summer fleet exercises in 1897 , where she acted in the simulated hostile fleet .

Her service as a fishery protection ship lasted until 1899 , when she returned to service with the fleet . She was withdrawn from active service in 1904 , when she resumed her old tender duties . In 1912 , Pfeil was assigned as the tender for the pre @- @ dreadnought battleships of the II Battle Squadron . While in the II Squadron , she wore a yellow identification band on her funnel , to distinguish her from her sister Blitz , which wore a white identification stripe . She remained in her

tender duties through 1919 . She was stricken from the naval register on 16 February 1922 and broken up for scrap at Wilhelmshaven .