

= German submarine U @-@ 2336 =

German submarine U @-@ 2336 was a Type XXIII U @-@ boat of Nazi Germany 's Kriegsmarine during World War II .

U @-@ 2336 had a very short career . She only conducted one war patrol and sank only three vessels , one of which was another German U @-@ boat (U @-@ 2344) . Despite her short time in service , U @-@ 2336 is known for sinking the last two Allied merchant ships lost to a submarine in the war , when she torpedoed and sank the freighters Avondale Park and Sneland I off the Isle of May inside the Firth of Forth .

Following the war , U @-@ 2336 was handed over to the Allies where she was taken to the British port of Lisahally and sunk in Operation Deadlight on 3 January 1946 .

= = Construction = =

U @-@ 2336 was the 16th U @-@ boat that was constructed in the Type XXIII class . She was ordered on 20 September 1943 , and was laid down on 27 July 1944 at Deutsche Werft , Hamburg , as yard number 490 . She was launched on 10 September 1944 and commissioned under the command of Oberleutnant zur See Jürgen Vockel on 30 September of that year .

By the time she was operational , U @-@ 2336 was equipped with only two bow torpedoes due to a lack of space and had a crew of 14 ? 18 men . She had a range of 2 @, @ 600 nautical miles (4 @, @ 800 km ; 3 @, @ 000 mi) at 8 knots (15 km / h ; 9 @. @ 2 mph) on the surface and 194 nmi (359 km ; 223 mi) at 4 knots (7 @. @ 4 km / h ; 4 @. @ 6 mph) while submerged . U @-@ 2336 's maximum speed was 9 @. @ 7 knots (18 km / h ; 11 mph) while surfaced and 12 @. @ 5 knots (23 km / h ; 14 mph) when submerged .

= = Service record = =

Following training exercises with the 32nd U @-@ boat Flotilla from 30 September 1944 to 15 February 1945 , U @-@ 2336 began her first voyages as a front boat of the 4th U @-@ boat Flotilla on 16 February 1945 . However , on 18 February 1945 she was involved in a collision with U @-@ 2344 , another Type XXIII U @-@ boat , off Heiligendamm on the Baltic coast . U @-@ 2344 was sunk , with the loss of 11 of her crew . It took about two months for U @-@ 2336 to actually leave her home port of Kiel , which she finally did on 18 April 1945 under a new commander , Kapitänleutnant Emil Klusmeier . Following five days of traveling across the straits of Kattegat and Skagerrak , U @-@ 2336 reached Larvik , Norway on 24 April 1945 ; which was to be her new home port for the remainder of the war .

= = = 1st patrol = = =

On 1 May 1945 , U @-@ 2336 left Larvik and headed out into the North Sea . On 7 May 1945 , U @-@ 2336 sank the last Allied merchant ships to be lost to a German submarine in the war , when she torpedoed and sank the freighters Avondale Park and Sneland I (in order) off the Isle of May inside the Firth of Forth . The first of the two ships to be sunk was the Sneland I , which exploded as soon as it was hit killing seven of her crew members , including the captain . Avondale Park was hit next , alarming the 28 man crew who believed that they had struck a mine . Avondale Park sank two minutes after being hit . Two crew members had been killed while the rest managed to enter a lifeboat or jump into the sea . U @-@ 2336 later returned to Kiel on 14 May 1945 and then transferred to Wilhelmshaven , Germany , where she was surrendered to the Western Allies .

= = = Post @-@ war = = =

After being surrendered to the Western Allies , U @-@ 2336 was taken to Lisahally , United Kingdom on 21 June 1945 to take part in Operation Deadlight where she was sunk on 3 January

1946 by gunfire from the British destroyer HMS Offa .

= = = Summary of raiding history = = =