

= Italian cruiser Agordat =

Agordat was a torpedo cruiser of the Italian Regia Marina built in the late 1890s . She was the lead ship of the Agordat class , which had one other member , Coatit . The ship , which was armed with twelve 76 mm (3 @. @ 0 in) guns and two 450 mm (18 in) torpedo tubes , was too slow and short @-@ ranged to be able to scout effectively for the fleet , so her career was limited . She saw action during the Italo @-@ Turkish War in 1911 ? 12 , where she provided gunfire support to Italian troops in North Africa . She assisted in the occupation of Constantinople in the aftermath of World War I , and in 1919 she was reclassified as a gunboat . In January 1923 , Agordat was sold for scrapping .

= = Design = =

Agordat was 91 @. @ 6 meters (301 ft) long overall and had a beam of 9 @. @ 32 m (30 @. @ 6 ft) and a draft of 3 @. @ 64 m (11 @. @ 9 ft) . She displaced up to 1 @, @ 340 metric tons (1 @, @ 320 long tons ; 1 @, @ 480 short tons) at full load . Her propulsion system consisted of a pair of horizontal triple @-@ expansion steam engines each driving a single screw propeller , with steam supplied by eight Blechynden water @-@ tube boilers . Her engines were rated at 8 @, @ 129 indicated horsepower (6 @, @ 062 kW) and produced a top speed of 22 knots (41 km / h ; 25 mph) . The ship had a cruising radius of about 300 nautical miles (560 km ; 350 mi) at a speed of 10 knots (19 km / h ; 12 mph) . She had a crew of between 153 ? 185 .

Agordat was armed with a main battery of twelve 76 mm (3 @. @ 0 in) L / 40 guns mounted singly . She was also equipped with two 450 mm (17 @. @ 7 in) torpedo tubes . The ship was only lightly armored , with a 20 mm (0 @. @ 79 in) thick deck .

= = Service history = =

Agordat was built at the Castellammare shipyard ; her keel was laid down on 18 February 1897 and her completed hull was launched on 11 October 1899 . After completing fitting @-@ out work , the new cruiser was commissioned into the Italian fleet on 26 September 1900 . Sea trials lasted from 11 February 1901 to 6 March , and during the final speed trial she exceeded her design speed by a knot . She nevertheless proved to be too slow and short @-@ legged to be useful as a fleet scout , which limited her active duty career . She served in the main fleet in 1903 ? 1904 , during which time the fleet was kept in a state of readiness for seven months . For the remaining five months , the ships had reduced crews . During the 1908 fleet maneuvers , Agordat was assigned to the hostile force that was tasked with simulating an attempt to land troops on Sicily .

At the outbreak of the Italo @-@ Turkish War against the Ottoman Empire in September 1911 , Agordat was assigned in the 2nd Division of the 1st Squadron , under the command of Rear Admiral Ernesto Presbitero , the divisional commander . On 15 October , Agordat and her sister joined the battleship Napoli , the armored cruisers Pisa , Amalfi , and San Marco , three destroyers , and several troop transports for an attack on the port of Derna . Negotiators were sent ashore to attempt to secure the surrender of the garrison , which was refused . Napoli and the armored cruisers bombarded the Ottoman positions throughout the day , and on 18 October the Ottomans withdrew , allowing the Italian troops to come ashore and take possession of the port . The fleet remained offshore and helped to repel Ottoman counterattacks over the following two weeks . In December , Agordat joined San Marco and the battleships Roma and Regina Margherita at Benghazi . There , they provided gunfire support to the Italian garrison against repeated Turkish assaults . In early April 1912 , Agordat , the torpedo cruiser Iride , and several other vessels rendezvoused with a troop convoy carrying 10 @, @ 000 men to Zuwarah near the border with Tunisia .

In November 1918 , Agordat participated in the occupation of Constantinople following the surrender of the Ottoman Empire . She and the battleship Roma joined a fleet of British , French , and Greek warships that entered the Dardanelles and landed troops to occupy the city . In 1921 , Agordat was reclassified as a gunboat and her armament was modified ; four of the 76 mm guns were replaced by a pair of 12 cm (4 @. @ 7 in) L / 40 guns and the torpedo tubes were removed .

This service lasted less than two years , and on 4 January 1923 the ship was sold for scrapping .