

= SM U @-@ 67 =

SM U @-@ 67 was a Type U 66 submarine or U @-@ boat for the German Imperial Navy (German : Kaiserliche Marine) during the First World War . She had been laid down in November 1913 as U @-@ 8 the second boat of the U @-@ 7 class for the Austro @-@ Hungarian Navy (German : Kaiserliche und Königliche Kriegsmarine or K.u.K. Kriegsmarine) but was sold to Germany , along with the others in her class , in November 1914 .

The submarine was ordered as U @-@ 8 from Germaniawerft of Kiel as the second of five boats of the U @-@ 7 class for the Austro @-@ Hungarian Navy . After the outbreak of World War I in August 1914 , the Austro @-@ Hungarian Navy became convinced that none of the submarines of the class could be delivered to the Adriatic via Gibraltar . As a consequence , the entire class , including U @-@ 8 , was sold to the German Imperial Navy in November 1914 . Under German control , the class became known as the U 66 type and the boats were renumbered ; U @-@ 8 became U @-@ 67 , and all were redesigned and reconstructed to German specifications . U @-@ 67 was launched in May 1915 and commissioned in August . As completed , she displaced 791 tonnes (779 long tons) , surfaced , and 933 tonnes (918 long tons) , submerged . The boat was 69 @.@ 50 metres (228 ft) long and was armed with five torpedo tubes and a deck gun .

A part of the IV Flottilla throughout the war , U @-@ 67 sank 18 ships with a combined gross register tonnage (GRT) of 39 @, @ 937 in thirteen war patrols . She also damaged three other ships of 14 @, @ 766 GRT . On 20 November 1918 , nine days after the Armistice , U @-@ 67 was surrendered to the British . She was broken up in 1921 at Fareham .

= = Design and construction = =

After the Austro @-@ Hungarian Navy had competitively evaluated three foreign submarine designs , it selected the Germaniawerft 506d design , also known as the Type UD , for its new U @-@ 7 class of five submarines . The Navy ordered five boats on 1 February 1913 .

The U @-@ 7 class was seen by the Austro @-@ Hungarian Navy as an improved version of its U @-@ 3 class , which was also a Germaniawerft design . As designed for the Austro @-@ Hungarian Navy , the boats were to displace 695 tonnes (684 long tons) on the surface and 885 tonnes (871 long tons) while submerged . The doubled @-@ hulled boats were to be 69 @.@ 50 metres (228 ft) long overall with a beam of 6 @.@ 30 metres (20 ft 8 in) and a draft of 3 @.@ 79 metres (12 ft 5 in) . The Austrian specifications called for two shafts with twin diesel engines (2 @, @ 300 metric horsepower (2 @, @ 269 bhp ; 1 @, @ 692 kW) total) for surface running at up to 17 knots (31 km / h ; 20 mph) , and twin electric motors (1 @, @ 240 PS (1 @, @ 223 shp ; 912 kW) total) for a maximum of 11 knots (20 km / h ; 13 mph) when submerged . The boats were designed with five 45 cm (17 @.@ 7 in) torpedo tubes ; four located in the bow , one in the stern . The boats ' armament was to also include a single 6 @.@ 6 centimetres (2 @.@ 6 in) L / 26 deck gun .

U @-@ 8 and sister boat U @-@ 7 were both laid down on 1 November 1913 , the first two boats of the class begun . Her construction was slated to be complete within 29 to 33 months .

Neither U @-@ 8 nor any of her sister boats were complete when World War I began in August 1914 . With the boats under construction at Kiel , the Austrians became convinced that it would be impossible to take delivery of the boats , which would need to be towed into the Mediterranean past Gibraltar , a British territory . As a result , U @-@ 8 and her four sisters were sold to the Imperial German Navy on 28 November 1914 .

U @-@ 8 was renumbered by the Germans as U @-@ 67 when her class was redesignated as the Type U 66 . The Imperial German Navy had the submarines redesigned and reconstructed to German standards , which increased the surface displacement by 96 tonnes (94 long tons) and the submerged by 48 tonnes (47 long tons) . The torpedo load was increased by a third , from 9 to 12 , and the deck gun was upgraded from the 6 @.@ 6 cm (2 @.@ 6 in) gun originally specified to an 8 @.@ 8 cm (3 @.@ 5 in) one .

= = Service career = =

U @-@ 67 was launched on 15 May 1915 . On 4 August , SM U @-@ 67 was commissioned into the Imperial German Navy under the command of Korvettenkapitän Erich von Rosenberg @-@ Gruszczyski . On 28 October 1915 , U @-@ 67 was assigned to the IV . U @-@ Halbflotille in which she remained for the duration of the war .

In March 1916 , Kapitänleutnant Hans Nieland replaced von Rosenberg @-@ Gruszczyski as the captain of U @-@ 67 , and it was under his command that U @-@ 67 was most successful , sinking 18 ships with a combined a total of 39 @,@ 937 gross register tons (GRT) , while damaging a further three of 14 @,@ 766 tons . U @-@ 67 's most successful month was April 1917 , when she sank four ships of 15 @,@ 223 tons in a span of twelve days .

Nieland was succeeded as commander of U @-@ 67 by Oberleutnant zur See Helmuth von Rabenau in December 1917 . Under his command during the last eleven months of the war , U @-@ 67 sank no more ships . During her service career under three commanders , U @-@ 67 had completed thirteen war patrols . She was surrendered to the British on 20 November 1918 , nine days after the Armistice , and broken up at Fareham in 1921 .

= = Ships sunk or damaged = =