



Capitaine SS-336

Capitaine (SS-336) was launched 1 October 1944 by Electric Boat Co., Groton, Conn.; sponsored by Mrs. J. A. Rodomanski; commissioned 26 January 1945, Lieutenant Commander E. S. Friedrich in command; and assigned to the Pacific Fleet.

Capitaine got underway from New London 7 March 1945 to arrive at Pearl Harbor 15 April. On 6 May, she cleared for her first war patrol, off the coast of Indochina north of Saigon. Enemy targets were disappointingly few for a new submarine, for the Navy had almost completely swept the sea of Japanese shipping by this time. On 16 June, she rescued from the sea five Japanese survivors of a merchant ship previously sunk by other forces. After refueling at Subic Bay, *Capitaine* continued her patrol south of Borneo in the Java Sea. On 30 June, she joined *Baya* (SS-318) in a concerted gun attack on five small enemy craft, one of which she sank after its crew had abandoned it.

Refitted at Fremantle, Australia, *Capitaine* sailed for her second war patrol, arriving in her assigned area just 3 days before hostilities ended. She returned to the west coast in September 1945, but in January 1946 was bound for the Far East once more, training in Philippine waters through March. A month of operations at Pearl Harbor preceded her return to San Diego, from which, after an overhaul, she made two simulated war patrols in 1947 and 1948, and conducted local training and services. The submarine was decommissioned and placed in reserve at Mare Island Naval Shipyard 10 February 1950.

Capitaine was recommissioned 23 February 1957, and reported to the Pacific Fleet a month later. From her base at San Diego, she took part in training, served other fleet units as target in antisubmarine exercises, and training reservists, as well as voyaging to the Far East for 7th Fleet duty, through 1960. On 1 July 1960 *Capitaine* was reclassified AG(SS)-336.

Capitaine received one battle star for World War II service.

