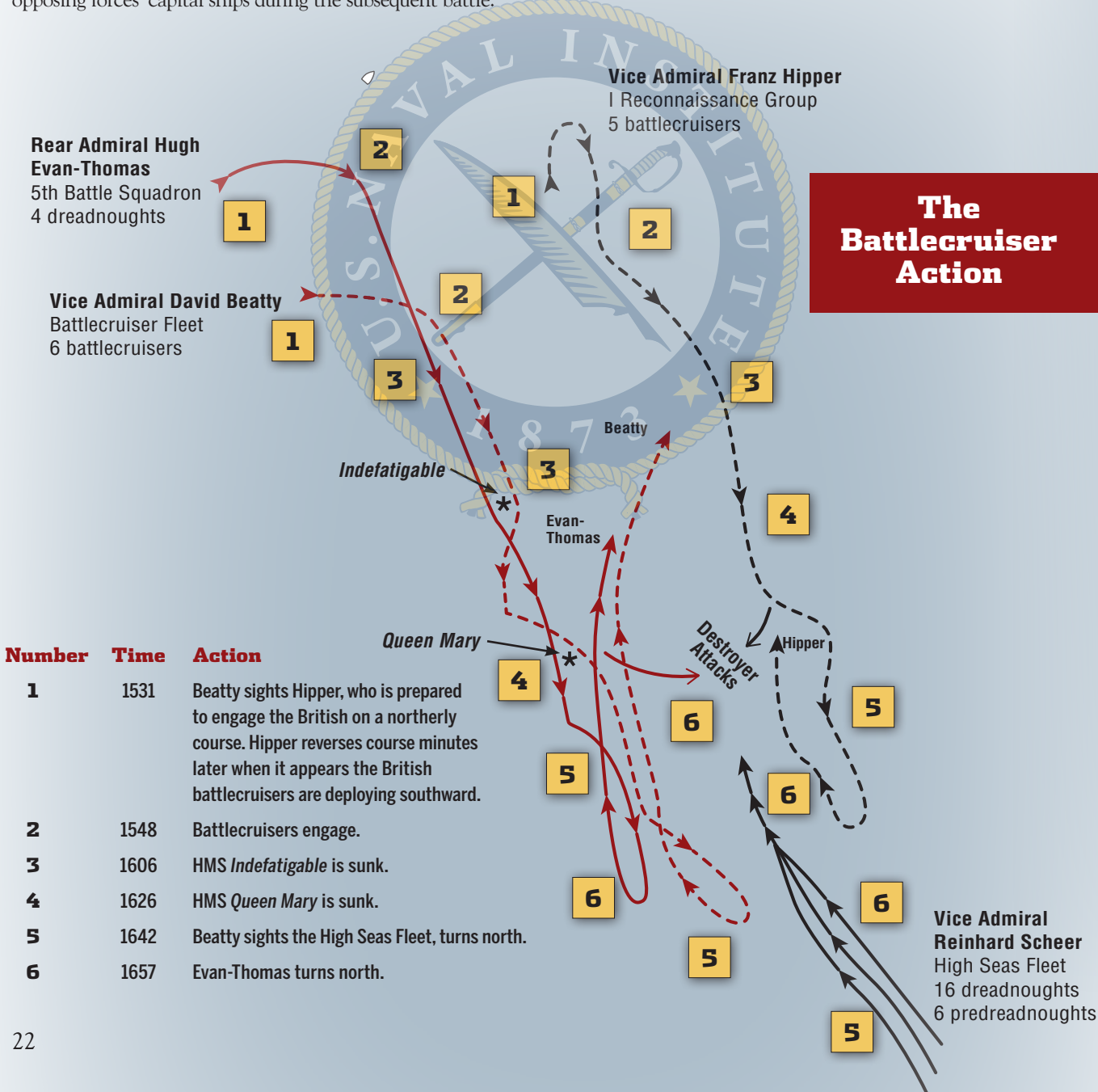
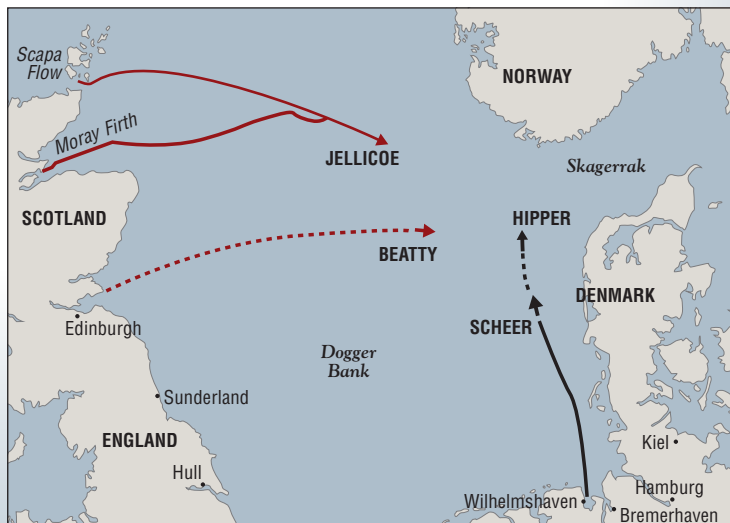


Charting the Battle of Jutland's Course

Tension between the British and German navies had been building since Kaiser Wilhelm II launched a naval arms race in 1898, and in the early afternoon of 31 May 1916 a climactic battle seemingly was at hand.

The German High Seas Fleet (99 total warships) intended to ambush and destroy a portion of the British Grand Fleet off the Norwegian coast. Having learned of an imminent enemy operation through radio intelligence, the Grand Fleet and Battlecruiser Fleet (151 warships) set sail before the Germans. But miscommunication later led Royal Navy commanders to assume that at most the German I Reconnaissance Group battlecruisers—but not the enemy's battle fleet—had sortied.

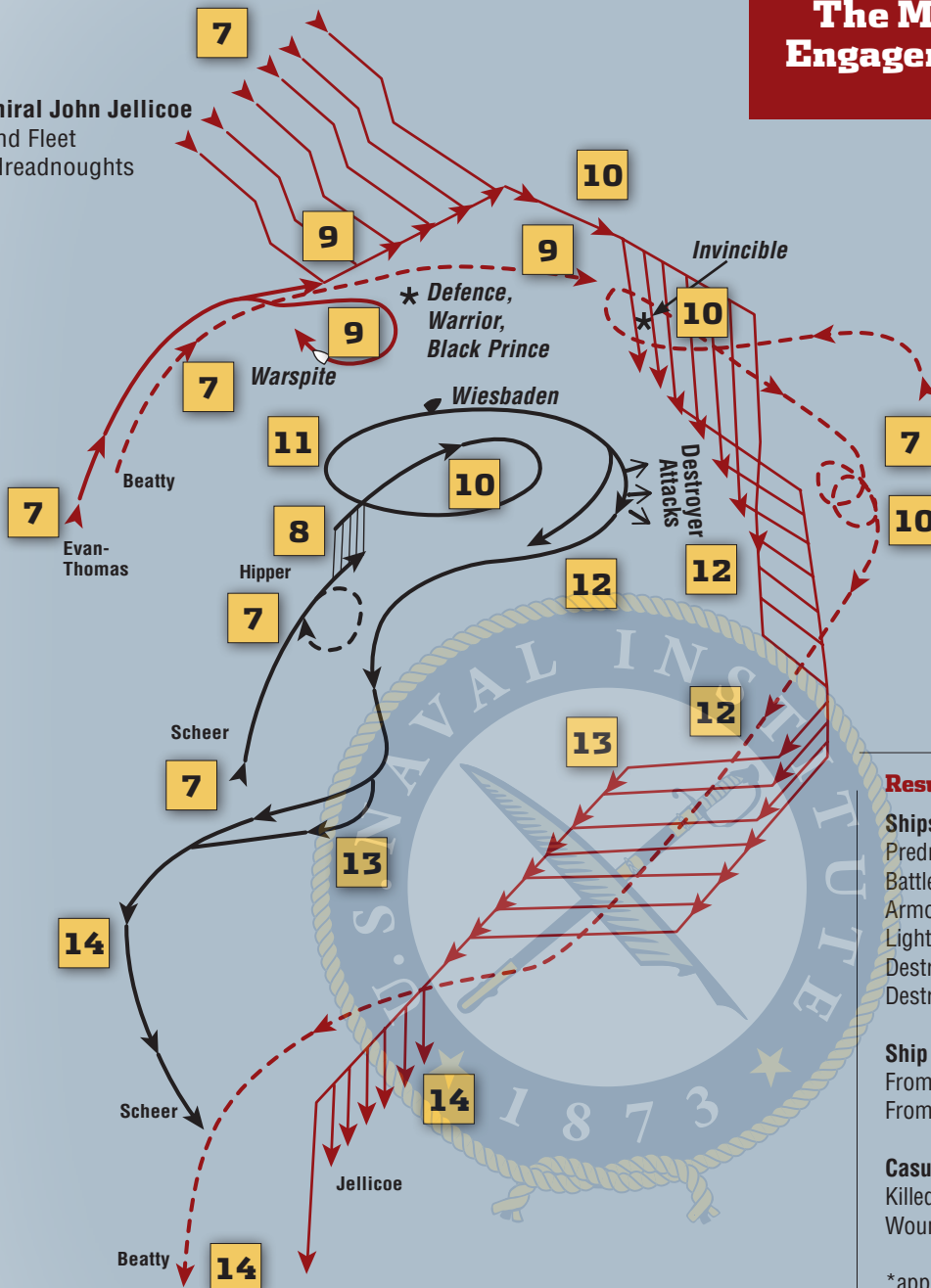
The following maps illustrate the movements of the opposing forces' capital ships during the subsequent battle.



The Main Engagement

Admiral John Jellicoe
Grand Fleet
24 dreadnoughts

Rear Admiral Horace Hood
3rd Battlecruiser Squadron
3 battlecruisers



Results by the Numbers

Ships Lost	British	German
Predreadnoughts	0	1
Battlecruisers	3	1
Armored Cruisers	3	0
Light Cruisers	0	4
Destroyer Leaders	1	0
Destroyers	7	5

Ship Hits Received	British	German
From heavy guns	120	100
From secondary guns	107*	42

Casualties	British	German
Killed	6,094	2,551
Wounded	674	507

*approximate

Number	Time	Action
7	1740	Beatty turns east in search of the Grand Fleet; Hipper turns to close on Scheer.
8	1802	German fleet turns to port to assist the disabled light cruiser <i>Wiesbaden</i> .
9	1816	Jellicoe signals the Grand Fleet to deploy on port wing column; British armored cruisers <i>Defence</i> , <i>Warrior</i> , and <i>Black Prince</i> and dreadnought <i>Warspite</i> are out of action.
10	1834	HMS <i>Invincible</i> is sunk; a minute later, Scheer executes first ships-right-about; British battlecruisers are out of control on turn.
11	1855	Scheer makes second ships-right-about.
12	1917	As German destroyers attack, Scheer makes third ships-right-about; Jellicoe turns away to avoid torpedoes.
13	2020	Last clash of heavy ships.
14	2100	British move southward, breaking off action; Germans pass across the wake of the British in the night.

SOURCE: CAPT. THOMAS G. FROTHINGHAM, "THE TEST OF FACT AGAINST FICTION IN THE BATTLE OF JUTLAND," U.S. NAVAL INSTITUTE PROCEEDINGS, VOL. 54, NO. 3 (MARCH 1928); V. E. TARRANT, *JUTLAND: THE GERMAN PERSPECTIVE*