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in-Chief was 'reluctantly compelled' to the conclusion that the High Sea Fleet had returned into port', a conjecture which was confirmed by subsequent events. Course was thereupon shaped for the distant British bases, which were reached without further incident on Friday, June 2. Fuel and ammunition were taken on board, and at 9.30 p.m. the same evening the Fleet was reported once more ready for action.

NOTE TO THE SECOND EDITION

In response to the suggestion an Index of Ships, Persons, and Fleet Squadrons and Flotillas has been added.

The diagram on pages 17 and 38 has been slightly altered in order to conform to the intentional vagueness of the dispatch.

The opportunity has been taken to correct a few verbal errors in the first edition.

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