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who, it will be remembered, was in command of the "Amphion" when, after sinking the German minelayer "Königin Luise," she herself was destroyed by a mine. Thus the Navy felt that the "Amphion" had been well avenged, and Captain Fox and his colleagues received the heartiest congratulations on their fine achievement.

The completeness of the victory was uncontested. Of the German destroyer division, not a unit survived. It was annihilation rather than a victory, a result entirely in accordance with the fighting traditions of the British Navy. The light cruiser "Undaunted," which led the British destroyers into action, had been completed only about a week or two previously. She is a sister to the "Arethusa," the ship which covered herself with glory at the battle of Heligoland. The "Lance," "Lennox," "Legion," and "Loyal" all belong to the "L" class of destroyers, representatives of which also did such splendid work in the same engagement.

No official narrative of this latest action is available to date, but the story has been fully told by men from the ships which took part. The "Undaunted" and her four attendant destroyers sighted a division of German destroyers off the mouth of the Scheldt shortly after midnight on October 17th. Finding themselves discovered, the enemy's boats put on full speed and did their best to escape. They were identified later as the S 115, S 117, S 118, and S 119, Schichau-built boats of 420 tons, with a speed of 26 knots. Each was armed with three 4-pounders