

12 THE BATTLE OF JUTLAND BANK

the advanced body, consisting of battle-cruisers, light-cruisers, and destroyers, under Rear-Admiral von Hipper, scouting ahead of the main Battle Fleet, under Vice-Admiral von Scheer.

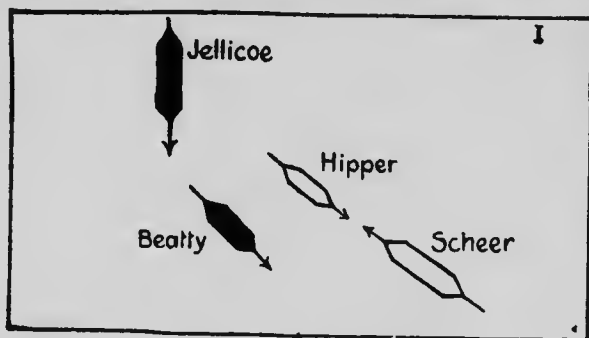
In general terms the fleets were approaching one another from their respective bases, the German from Wilhelmshaven and Heligoland; the British from its Scottish harbours.

From 3.30 to 6.0 p.m., in other words, throughout the duration of the first two phases of the battle, the British Battle Fleet was not engaged.

From 4.52-6.0 p.m. the Battle-cruiser Fleet, whose units, though swifter, were less heavily armoured than the heavy ships opposed to them, were in action with the whole of the German Fleet that was out.

The battle exhibits four phases, periods of fighting which Map II, a reproduction of the official chart, illustrates and clarifies.

PHASE I. 3.30 (*Lion*)-4.52 (Hipper) p.m. Throughout the eighty-two minutes of this phase the advanced



Note.—Both Jellicoe and Scheer actually were far distant. squadrons (Beatty and Hipper) of the two fleets alone were in action, on a SSE. course towards