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Why Did Jellicoe Turn Away at the Battle of Jutland?

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Summary:

Despite commanding the world's greatest naval force, Admiral Jellicoe's actions allowed the Ge

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Article Body:

At the time the First World War, the British Grand Fleet was the most formidable naval force i

The Germans knew that they could not take on the much larger British Grand Fleet, while the Br

The German High Seas Fleet, commanded by Admiral Reinhard von Scheer, planned to avoid an all-

By May 1916, Admiral Scheer decided to put the entire German High Seas Fleet to sea with the i

However, unknown to Scheer, the British were able to decode German radio messages and, sensing

On May 31st 1916, the two most powerful naval forces were on a collision course with each other

Visual contact was first made by the battlecruiser squadrons of both sides, sent ahead of the

Beatty's battlecruisers suffered losses but he saw the German High Seas Fleet approaching in t

Facing almost certain destruction, Admiral Scheer carried out a brilliant maneuver. He ordered

Unbelievably, Scheer turned back toward the British Grand Fleet and this time Jellicoe was abl

This time, turning alone would not save Scheer. As a desperate gamble he ordered a mass torped

Admiral Jellicoe now had his chance to destroy the German High Seas Fleet but instead he made

Jellicoe was later heavily criticized for this action but the British Grand Fleet had already

The First Sea Lord Winston Churchill had famously remarked that Jellicoe was "the only command

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