

British Briefing

Heligoland Bight, May 15, 1914.

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The Admiralty has ordered a preemptive attack on the German fleet. Your orders are to proceed to the Jade and destroy any German warships encountered. Shore facilities and fortifications are to be destroyed as a secondary priority.

The Battlecruiser squadron is searching for the German battlecruisers reported heading north near the Norwegian coast and will not be available to support your action.

Notify the Admiralty by W/T immediately you engage the Germans. War will be declared as soon as that notification is received.

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Intelligence has reported that the main British fleet is at sea and may be attempting an attack on our North Sea bases. The British are expected to commence hostilities prior to a declaration of war.

You are ordered to sortie with the Hochseeflotte and intercept the British before they reach the entrance to the Jade.

Our battlecruisers are near Bergen (Norway). They have been ordered to return but will not be in time to support you. II Battle Squadron (pre-dreadnoughts) at Kiel has been ordered to return to the Jade, but will also not be available in time for your sortie.