

Address to
Commander, the Hon.
Alfred B.S. Bingham,
R.N., T.Q.,

Nov^r 20th, 1918.



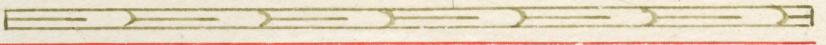
Dear Sir,

The Members of the
Bangor Urban District
Council, as representative of
the people of your native
town, gladly embrace
the opportunity offered
by your return home, to
extend to you a very cordial
welcome, and to offer their hearty and joyful congratulations on
your release from captivity and the preservation of your life and
health through dangers equal to any that have been faced in
this dreadful war.

The fortunes of the war, have, from the first, depended
primarily on the vigilance and the energy of the
Navies of the Allies, and especially on that of Britain.

The story of their various and successful efforts has
necessarily, to a great extent, been withheld from the public.
The Battle of Jutland, however, stands out in high relief as

a naval event of supreme importance. We have been permitted to learn the story of that great fight, a fight which showed that the qualities of heart and head which have given the British Navy a place unique in the history of the world, are as vigorous today as they were in the days of Drake and Nelson, and that confident reliance can always be placed on its patient watchfulness and readiness for action.



His story of that great fight will live for centuries, and we rejoiced, with natural pride that you, as a native of our town, contributed to the victory, in no small degree, by your valiant conduct and brilliant example. We were also gratified that you were deservedly singled out for special record and special honour, and that you received, at the hand of our King, the Victoria Cross, the highest decoration for Valour which it is in his power to bestow.



We grieved for your captivity in an enemy land, with sympathetic sorrow; and now amid the rejoicings of your friends at your happy restoration to your own country, we would ask you to accept the assurance that we

