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C.B., and Rear-Admiral O. de B. BROCK, C.B. In the course of my report I have expressed my appreciation of the good work performed by the Light-cruiser Squadrons under the command respectively of Rear-Admiral T. D. W. NAPIER, M.V.O., Commodore W. E. GOODENOUGH, M.V.O., and Commodore E. S. ALEXANDER-SINCLAIR, M.V.O. On every occasion these officers anticipated my wishes, and used their forces to the best possible effect.

I desire also to bring to your notice the skill with which their respective ships were handled by the Commanding Officers. With such Flag Officers, Commodores, and Captains to support me my task was lightened.

The destroyers of the 1st and 13th Flotillas were handled by their respective Commanding Officers with skill, dash, and courage. I desire to record my very great regret at the loss of Captains C. F. SOWERBY (*Indefatigable*), C. I. PROWSE (*Queen Mary*), and A. L. CAY (*Invincible*), all officers of the highest attainments, who can be ill spared at this time of stress.

I wish to endorse the report of the Rear-Admiral Commanding the 5th Battle Squadron as to the ability displayed by the Commanding Officers of his squadron.

\* In conclusion, I desire to record and bring to your notice the great assistance that I received on a day of great anxiety and strain from my Chief of the Staff, Captain R. W. BENTINCK, whose good judgement was of the greatest help. He was a tower of strength. My Flag-Commander, Hon. R. A. R.