

great care was necessary to ensure that our own ships were not mistaken for enemy vessels.

[*The Battle Fleet deploys*]

I formed the battle fleet in line of battle on receipt of Sir David Beatty's report, and during deployment the fleets became engaged. Sir David Beatty had meanwhile formed the battle-cruisers ahead of the battle-fleet.

The divisions of the battle fleet were led by :

The COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

Vice-Admiral SIR CECIL BURNEY, K.C.B.,
K.C.M.G.

Vice-Admiral SIR THOMAS JERRAM, K.C.B.

Vice-Admiral SIR DOVETON STURDEE, Bt.,
K.C.B., C.V.O., C.M.G.

Rear-Admiral ALEXANDER L. DUFF, C.B.

Rear-Admiral ARTHUR C. LEVESON, C.B.

Rear-Admiral ERNEST F. A. GAUNT, C.M.G.

At 6.16 p.m. *Defence* and *Warrior* were observed passing down between the British and German Battle Fleets under a very heavy fire. *Defence* disappeared, and *Warrior* passed to the rear disabled.¹

It is probable that Sir Robert Arbuthnot, during his engagement with the enemy's light-cruisers and in his desire to complete their destruction, was not aware of the approach of the enemy's heavy ships, owing to the mist, until he found

¹ Both were of Arbuthnot's Cruiser Squadron, and were lost.