

44 THE BATTLE OF JUTLAND BANK

and Sir Robert Arbuthnot, Bt., M.V.O., were seen to be in action, and reports received show that *Defence*,¹ flagship (Captain Stanley V. Ellis), and *Warrior*² (Captain Vincent B. Molteno), of the First Cruiser Squadron, engaged an enemy light-cruiser at this time. She was subsequently observed to sink.

At 6 p.m. *Canterbury*³ (Captain Percy M. R. Royds), which ship was in company with the Third Battle-cruiser Squadron, had engaged enemy light-cruisers which were firing heavily on the torpedo-boat destroyer *Shark*⁴ (Commander Loftus W. Jones), *Acasta*⁵ (Lieutenant-Commander John O. Barron), and *Christopher*⁵ (Lieutenant-Commander Fairfax M. Kerr); as a result of this engagement the *Shark* was sunk.

At 6 p.m. vessels, afterwards seen to be our battle-cruisers, were sighted by *Marlborough*⁶ bearing before the starboard beam of the battle fleet.

At the same time the Vice-Admiral Commanding, Battle-cruiser Fleet, reported to me the position of the enemy battle-cruisers, and at 6.14 p.m. reported the position of the enemy battle fleet.

At this period, when the battle fleet was meeting the battle-cruisers and the Fifth Battle Squadron,

¹ Armoured cruiser, 14,600 tons, 490 ft. long, 23 knots, 9.2-inch and lesser armament.

² Armoured cruiser, 13,550 tons, 480 ft. long, 23 knots, 9.2-inch and lesser armament.

³ Light cruiser.

⁴ Destroyer, 'K' class, 935 tons, 30 knots, 4-inch armament.

⁵ Of same class as *Shark*.

⁶ Battleship, 25,000 tons, 645 ft. long, 22 knots, 13.5-inch and lesser armament.