

They were also heavily engaged at **10.20** p.m. with five enemy cruisers or light-cruisers, *Southampton*¹ and *Dublin*² (Captain Albert C. Scott) suffering severe casualties during an action lasting about 15 minutes. *Birmingham*² (Captain Arthur A. M. Duff), at **11.30** p.m., sighted two or more heavy ships steering South. A report of this was received by me at **11.40** p.m. as steering WSW. They were thought at the time to be battle-cruisers, but it is since considered that they were probably battleships.

* The work of *Engadine* appears to have been most praiseworthy throughout, and of great value. Lieutenant-Commander C. G. Robinson deserves great credit for the skilful and seamanlike manner in which he handled his ship. He actually towed *Warrior* for 75 miles, between **8.40** p.m. **31st May**, and **7.15** a.m., **1st June**, and was instrumental in saving the lives of her ship's company.

It is impossible to give a definite statement of the losses inflicted on the enemy. The visibility was for the most part low and fluctuating, and caution forbade me to close the range too much with my inferior force.

A review of all the reports which I have received leads me to conclude that the enemy's losses were considerably greater than those which we had sustained, in spite of their superiority, and included battleships, battle-cruisers, light-cruisers, and destroyers.

¹ Light cruiser, 5,400 tons, 25 knots, 6 inch and lesser armament.

² Light-cruiser, of same class as *Southampton*.