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Context

Administrative / Biographical history:
Born 1862; educated Uppington and Royal Academy, Gosport, Hampshire; Mid on HMS SULTAN during the Egyptian War, 1882; Lt on cruiser HMS PHOEBE, 1895-1898; took part in the capture of M'Weli (Mwele), East Africa, 1895; served with the Benin Expedition, East Africa, 1897; Cdr, 1898; Cdr on HMS VIVID, with command of VALIEN'T, a depot ship for torpedoboat destroyers, and the Fleet Reserve at Devonport, 1898-1904; Capt, 1904; commanded cruiser HMS MEDUSA, 1905-1906; commanded light cruiser HMS THETIS, 1905; commanded battlecruiser HMS INDOMITABLE, 1912-1916; participated in the shadowing, chase and escape of the German battlecruiser GOEBEN and its companion ship BRESLAU by the British Mediterranean Fleet, Aug 1914; the bombardment of the Dardanelles, Nov 1914; the Battle of Dogger Bank, Jan 1915, including the sinking of the German battlecruiser BLUCHER and towed home V Adm Sir David Beatty’s disabled Flagship HMS LION; the Battle of Jutland, May 1916, where Kennedy assumed command of 3 Battlecruiser Sqn following the death of R Adm the Hon Sir Horace Hood; R Adm, 1916; in charge of Peterhead area off east coast of Scotland, 1917-1919; promoted V Adm and retired, 1920; Adm, 1925; died 1939.

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Content & structure

Scope and content:
Papers relating to Kennedy’s service as Capt of the battlecruiser HMS INDOMITABLE during World War One, including brief diary of the war training of the British Mediterranean Fleet, 1913-1914; narratives describing the shadowing, chase and escape of the German battlecruiser GOEBEN and its companion ship BRESLAU from the British Mediterranean Fleet, Aug 1914; a personal description of the first bombardment of the Dardanelles, Nov 1914; intelligence reports of the positions of the warships of various nations, 1915; summary of information received from survivors of the German battlecruiser BLUCHER sunk during the Battle of Dogger Bank, Jan 1915; a brief personal memoir of the Battle of Jutland, May 1916.

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