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**Admiral David Beatty,  
1<sup>st</sup> Earl Beatty**

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## Admiral Earl Beatty (1871-1936)

### Introduction

This British Admiral is best known for his superior tactical skill while commanding a variety of battle cruisers squadrons during World War One. After serving with distinction in the Boxer rebellion in China, he was promoted to Rear Admiral in 1910. By 1916, he had commanded squadrons with success at Dogger Bank and Jutland, despite damage to and the loss of British ships in the fighting.

As a First Sea Lord, he encouraged the creation of a strong, independent Fleet Air Arm as well as the use of convoys. He served as a delegate at the Washington Naval Conference in 1921 and advocated several technological developments. Beatty was a popular and motivational figure throughout his command.

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This bibliography has been designed to provide a guide as to where to find information on Admiral Beatty. Please note that the list of references below is a selection of the more relevant titles and information on the subject. The list is not intended to be exhaustive or definitive but is an introductory guide to some of the resources available.

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