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WARDENS OF THE SEAS.

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These are not guns, although--
--this is a German ship. A--
--life saving task, not a life-taking one is being carried out.

The lines of huge buoys which--
--mark safe channels for--
--shipping have occasionally to be overhauled, cleaned, and replaced.

There's a dirty fellow which has--
--done duty for six months without attention. It now has a few hundredweight of--
--muscles, limpets and seaweed attached to it. Time it had a dry-clean. And its lighter has to be refilled too, with a new six months--
--charge. Otherwise the blinking light won't--
--function, and these finger posts of the sea--
--would lose their point, and even for the jolliest mariner, that would be no joke.