

BALLOON BARRAGE.

We're full of praise for the work of the Royal Air Force -- so here's a little tribute to spare for some more of the men on the ground --- the men on the Barrage Balloon. They too are part of the great organization of the R.A.F. --- though they never achieve the headlines. This is just a brief outline of the daily work --- the routine job of sending up a sentinel into the sky. There isn't much excitement in it --- it's interesting to watch for the first time but it grows monotonous when you do it day and night. But it's a job that has to be done --- and it's one that has to be done well. At the beginning of the war, Germany scoffed at the Barrage Balloon; since then they have gone in for one of their own, so that proves that it must have been bothering their airmen quite a bit.

Balloons in the sky are to-day a common sight in town and ~~man~~ country. But they also go out to sea. They guard the convoys against dive-bombers. And then the task of the man on the ^{barrage} balloon ~~xxxxxxxx~~ becomes almost superhuman. But ~~strange as it may seem,~~ he grows quite fond of his ocean-going ~~dausage~~ ^{dausage}.