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Sommario/riassunto	Behind the scenes during the Second World War, agreements were negotiated for wounded or gravely ill prisoners and 'Protected Personnel' = diplomats, clergy, civilians and alien internees - to be safely exchanged, a little-known dimension of the war. Conducted under the International Red Cross and neutral intermediaries, exchanges were arranged individually between Allied nations and the Axis belligerents. A group of 36 ships, in special livery, were uniquely engaged in this highly dangerous work, sailing through hostile waters alone and undefended, and conspicuously illuminated at night. Cons