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THE "INSEPARABLES" ARE PARTED

After an association of nearly three years, during which time they have swept together, left port and returned together, and even suffered the same re-calls from leave together, the minesweepers H.M.S. WYOMING and H.M.S. FRANC-TIREUR have parted company. The FRANC-TIREUR (Licut. Cdr. Greenwood, R.N.V.R.) has gone North, leaving the WYOMING (Licut. J. Metcalf, R.N.V.R.) in an East Coast port where the two ships have for so long been known as the "inseparables".

So close has been the association that the former commanding officer of the WYOMING was moved to write a poem with illustrations entitled "Francoming" which now adorns the C.O.'s cabin.

On one side is a picture depicting the two ships merged into one with a communal bridge, while the picture on the other side, in more satirical vein, shows the respective anchor cables completely intertwined, the barrage balloons engaged in animated conversation, and the ships themselves more or less locked in affectionate embrace. The poem itself describes the association of the ships.

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