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LIGHTHOUSE NEARLY HIT BY DESTROYER

U. S. S. Brooks Runs Ashore on Ledge at Portsmouth Harbor Entrance.

Portsmouth N. H. July 5—The United States destroyer Brooks bound from Belfast Me. to Portsmouth for fuel went aground on Fort Constitution ledge east of New Castle harbor late today. A bad hole was stove in her port bow and the forward compartment was flooded. The accident occurred in a dense fog apparently while the vessel was attempting to enter Portsmouth harbor. No injuries were reported.

Two navy yard tugs the Pennacook and the David were standing by tonight. An effort will be made to get the destroyer off the ledge at high tide early tomorrow morning. The bow of the craft was high on the ledge within 15 feet of the Portsmouth harbor lighthouse and bell and her stern was down.

The destroyer is commanded by Lieut. Comdr. Parker.