

Minesweeper And Other Ship Incidents

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I have been searching the net looking for all info i can find the Kennebec, I have found some stuff I didn't know about her during her many trips to the waters in and around Vietnam.

On the associations page there was a comment about her being hit by a minesweeper and taking out some portholes, I vaguely remember that incident. The 2 incidents that stand out clearly in my memory are the time we took a hit from a carrier or lph, I'm not sure on the type ship.

The second incident took place while getting underway to avoid a storm that was approaching Subic, I know that before the sea and anchor detail was secured a large wave broke over the forecastle and injured several people 1 senior chief Bell and LT jg Pusey (I'M POSITIVE I didn't spell his name right) Bell received a compound fracture to his arm Pusey received a broken back is what we were told later. He never returned to the ship. I know for the crew that was involved in the forecastle incident, we were interviewed to tell of what we knew or saw.

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