

U. S. S. BENNINGTON (CV 20)

IN REPLY  
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- 25 September 1944  
Underway for Norfolk, Virginia, in company with USS DALLAS (DD 199)  
and USS BENHADAU (DD 153), OTC in Bennington.
- 26 September 1944  
Anchored in Berth X, anchorage A, Hampton Roads, Va.  
Underway for departing crib, Lambert's Point, Norfolk, Va.  
Moored in departing crib.
- 27 September 1944  
Underway from Lambert's Point for Naval Operating Base, Norfolk,  
Moored starboard side to North Side of Pier 7, NOB, Norfolk, Va.
- 28 September 1944  
Moored to Pier 7, Naval Operating Base, Norfolk, Va.
- 29 September 1944  
Reported for duty to ComInCh, CinClant, ComAirant, ComFairNorfolk  
Moored to Pier 7, NOB, Norfolk,  
Carrier Air Group 82 reported to BENNINGTON for duty.
- 30 September 1944  
Underway for anchorage, Hampton Roads, Virginia.  
Anchored in Berth Z, Hampton Roads.
- 1 October 1944  
Underway for Chesapeake Bay and anchored in Bay off degaussing range.
- 2 October 1944  
Underway in Chesapeake Bay Area.  
Landed first plane, No. 97 of WF 82; Pilot, Commander C.L. Heap,  
Commander Air Group 82.  
Launched first aircraft, free-run take-off.  
First catapult take-off.  
Anchored in Bay off degaussing range.
- 3 October 1944  
Underway in Chesapeake Bay area.  
Anchored off Cape Charles.
- 4 October 1944  
Underway for U.S. Navy Yard, Norfolk, Va.  
Moored starboard side to Pier 3, Berths 23 and 24, Norfolk Navy  
Yard, Portsmouth, Virginia.
- 5 October 1944  
Moored Norfolk Navy Yard, Portsmouth, Va.
- 6 - 11 October 1944  
Underway in Chesapeake Bay conduction air operations, gunnery exercises,  
and various drills.