

U. S. S. BENNINGTON (CV 20)

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- 12 December 1944
Moored N.Y. Navy Yard, Bayonne Annex.
- 13 December 1944
Underway from N.Y. Navy Yard Annex for Naval Anchorage, Gravesend Bay.
Anchored Gravesend Bay.
- 14 December 1944
Underway for Delaware Capes and Cristobal, Panama Canal Zone. In company with USS Adams (DM 27) and USS (DM 30). Designated as Task Group 27.3 OTC in Bennington.
- 15 December 1944
Underway for Canal Zone.
Air Group 82, 33 WF, 24 VB, and 18 VT landed aboard from Norfolk while the ship was off Delaware Capes.
- 16 - 19 December 1944
Enroute New York to Cristobal, Panama Canal Zone.
- 20 December 1944
Approaching Canal, AG 82 was launched for simulated attacks on the Locks as previously arranged with Army to test defenses.
Moored starboard side to north of Pier 8, Cristobal, Panama C.Z.
- 21 December 1944
Made transit of Canal. Elapsed time 11 hours 31 minutes.
Moored starboard side to North side of Pier 18, Balboa, Canal Zone.
Reported to Commander in Chief, Pacific Fleet for Duty.
- 22 December 1944
Underway to San Diego, California.
- 23 - 28 December 1944
Enroute Balboa, C.Z. to San Diego, Calif. conducting flying operations and gunnery exercises.
- 29 December 1944
Moored starboard side to Berth K, Naval Air Station, San Diego, Calif.
- 30 - 31 December 1944
Moored Berth K, NAS, San Diego.
Fueled ship, loaded planes, provisions and ammunition. Embarked passengers. VMF 123, and VMF 112 reported to Commander Air Group 82 for duty with 18 F4Us each.
- 1 - 6 January 1945
Underway from San Diego enroute to Pearl Harbor, T.H.
- 7 January 1945
Moored port side to Berth F-12, Ford Island, NAS, Pearl Harbor.
Reported to ComAirPac for duty.