

U. S. S. BENNINGTON (CV 20)

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- 6 - 13 March 1945  
Anchored in Berth 30, Northern Anchorage, Ulithi Atoll.  
On 11 March, observed explosions from USS Randolph. Reports indicated Randolph had been hit near fantail by a bomb carrying enemy plane.
- 14 - 17 March 1945  
Underway from Ulithi for training exercises and scheduled attacks and missions.
- 18 March 1945  
Underway for approach and launched attacks on southern Kyushu.
- 19 March 1945  
Underway launching attacks on shipping, aircraft, and airfields in the Kure-Niroshima area, Honshu, Japan.
- 20 March 1945  
Underway retiring from position south of Kyushu, avoiding frequent enemy air attacks.
- 21 March 1945  
Underway enroute from position south of Kyushu, avoiding frequent enemy air attacks, to fueling area.
- 22 March 1945  
Underway in fueling area receiving aviation gasoling and fuel oil.
- 23 March 1945  
Underway approaching Okinawa area, launching attacks on outlying islands, including installations in the Kerama Retto and Kisan Sho.
- 24 March 1945  
Operating in an area southeast of Okinawa launching attacks in the Kerama Retto area in preparation for the scheduled invasion.  
USS Massachusetts and USS Indiana left the formation for assigned bombardment missions on Okinawa.
- 25 March 1945  
Operating 115 miles southeast of Okinawa conducting air support missions over the island.
- 26 March 1945  
Underway from Okinawa area to fueling area for fueling and replenishment.
- 27 March 1945  
Underway to the west of Okinawa launching patrols, and strikes and sweeps on islands adjoining Okinawa.
- 28 March 1945  
Underway in the Okinawa area, joining with TG 50.4 for close air support missions against Okinawa.