

U. S. S. BENNINGTON (CV 20)

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- 29 March 1945
Operating in an area approximately 120 miles south of Kyushu launching attacks on airfields and installations near Kure Harbor.
- 30 March 1945
Underway in fueling area for ammunition replenishment.
- 31 March 1945
Underway for operations against Okinawa to the North, launching patrols and strikes assisting the ground forces making landings on Okinawa.
- 2 April 1945
Underway approximately 70 miles east of Okinawa, continuing air support for ground actions at Okinawa.
- 3 April 1945
Underway approximately 110 miles southwest of Miyako Retto, launching strikes against Sakishima Gunte.
- 4 April 1945
Underway for refueling, receiving aviation gasoling and fuel oil, and ammunition.
- 5 April 1945
Operating 80 miles east Okinawa maintaining patrols and air support on Okinawa for ground troops.
- 6 April 1945
Underway 80 miles southeast of Okinawa launching patrols and air support missions.
- 7 April 1945
Underway approximately 100 miles northeast of Okinawa launching air patrols and strikes.
Assisted in attacks on units of the Japanese Fleet near Kure, including the battleship Yamato, an Agano class CL, and Aobi class CA, and DDs.
- 8 April 1945
Operating about 250 miles southeast of Okinawa for replenishment.
- 9 April 1945
Operating approximately 100 miles southeast of Okinawa, launching patrols and sweeps on enemy shipping and airfields.
- 10 April 1945
Operating 80 miles southeast of Okinawa launching searches, interceptors, and strikes on Tokuno airfields.