

U. S. S. BENNINGTON (CV 20)

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- 17 - 19 May 1945
Operating approximately 100 miles east of Okinawa maintaining offensive missions over Okinawa.
- 20 May 1945
Underway approximately 200 miles southeast of Okinawa for refueling and replenishment.
Conducted gunnery exercises.
- 21 - 22 May 1945
Underway approximately 85 miles east of Okinawa for operations over the islands north of Okinawa.
- 23 May 1945
Underway approximately 160 miles southeast of Okinawa to receive fuel and ammunition.
Launched strikes against Tokuno airfield and the Komiya seaplane station.
- 25 - 26 May 1945
Underway approximately 70 miles east of Okinawa.
Inclement weather forced cancellation of majority of flights.
- 27 May 1945
Operating in an area approximately 200 miles southeast of Okinawa for fueling and replenishment.
Exercised at practice firing.
- 28 May 1945
With change in Fleet Command, unit designation changed from Task Group 58.1 to Task Group 38.1.
- 28 May 1945
Underway in an area approximately 100 miles south of Okinawa, maintaining patrols and strikes. Bad weather over targets.
- 29 - 30 May 1945
Operating in an area approximately 70 miles south of Okinawa maintaining patrols and air support missions. Bad weather prevailed.
- 31 May 1945
Under way in an area approximately 110 miles southeast of Okinawa for fueling and replenishment, and conducting gunnery exercises.
- 1 Jun 1945
Underway approximately 65 miles east of Okinawa maintaining patrols and missions over Okinawa.
One special mission dropped supplies to Marines bogged down by mud west of Shuri Town on Okinawa.
- 2 June 1945
Operating in the Okinawa area maintaining patrols. Adverse weather prevented strike operations.