

U. S. S. BENNINGTON (CV 20)

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- 28 June 1945
Underway from San Pedro Bay for Leyte Gulf for scheduled operations.
Conducted Air Group Training operation in Leyte Gulf, flying simulated strikes and sweeps.
- 29 - 30 June 1945
Anchored in Berth 29, San Pedro Bay, Leyte Gulf, P.I.
On 30 June, Captain E.L. Braun, USN, relieved Captain J.B. Sykes, USN, as commanding officer of the USS Bennington.
- 1 - 9 July 1945
Underway from San Pedro Bay enroute to launching point for strikes against airfields in the Tokyo area.
- 10 July 1945
Underway ~~from~~ in an area approximately 120 miles off southeast Honshu, launching strikes in the Tokyo area.
- 11 July 1945
Underway retiring from the Tokyo strike area.
- 12 July 1945
Underway in fueling area, receiving aviation gasoline, lubricating oil and fuel oil.
Conducted anti-aircraft firing.
- 13 July 1945
Underway in an area approximately 70 miles off southeast tip of Hokkaido.
Bad weather forced cancellation of all offensive flights.
- 14 - 15 July 1945
Underway approximately 60 miles off Hokkaido launching strikes against Hokkaido airfields.
- 16 July 1945
Operated in fueling area receiving fuel.
- 17 July 1945
Underway in an area approximately 130 miles east of the Mito area of Honshu, launching patrols and strikes against targets in the Mito area.
- 18 July 1945
Operating in an area approximately 150 miles east of the coast of Honshu launching strikes against Honshu airfields.
Sent strike to Yokosuku Naval Base and participated in bombing of the Jap battleship Nagato.
- 19 July 1945
Underway enroute to fueling area.
- 20 July 1945
Operated in fueling area receiving oil and aviation gasoline and conducting gunnery exercises.