

U. S. S. BENNINGTON (CV 20)

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- 23 August 1945
Underway approximately 250 miles southeast of Tokyo.
Received mail, personnel, and freight from USS Presidio (APA 88).
- 24 August 1945
Underway approximately 200 miles off east coast of Honshu, Japan.
- 25 August 1945
Underway approximately 100 miles off east coast of Northern Honshu,
conducting search patrol flights to locate Prisoner of War camps,
drop food and medicine, and reconnoitre airfields.
- 26 August 1945
Underway approximately 100 miles off southeastern tip of Hokkaido
conducting search patrols in efforts to locate POW camps and drop supplies.
- 27 August 1945
Underway approximately 150 miles due east of Sendai, Japan.
Received fuel oil and aviation gasoline, and conduct search and
patrol flights.
- 28 August 1945
Underway approximately 200 miles southeast of Sendai, Japan, receiving
fresh and dry provisions, and small stores; conducting POW searches.
- 29 August 1945
Underway approximately 125 miles east of Oshima, maintaining air patrols
and escort and search flights.
- 30 August 1945
Approximately 80 miles east of Tokyo, conducting POW camp searches
and patrols.
- 31 August 1945
Underway in fueling area, approximately 225 miles east of Sendai,
Japan, refueling and provisioning.
- 1 September 1945
Underway east of Sendai, Japan, maintaining patrols, target tow flights
for gunnery exercises, and photographic and observation missions.
- 2 September 1945
Underway approximately 100 miles off Tokyo.
Participated in show of force mass force flight to Tokyo. Bennington
planes led the flight.
- 3 September 1945
Operating in an area approximately 100 miles east of Tokyo, maintaining
patrol and observation flights over Japan.
- 4 September 1945
Underway approximately 100 miles off Tokyo, launching patrol flights,
and POW camp searches.