U. S. S. BENNINGTON (CV 20)

HISTORY
6 August 1944 - 15 September 1945

1. CHRONOLOGY.

6 August 1944
Ship placed in commission at New York Navy Yard, Brooklyn, by Rear
Admiral Monroe Kelley, USN, Commandant, Third Naval District. Captain
James B. Sykes, USN, of Washington, D.C., assumed command.

6 - 31 August 1944
Moored starboard side to, Pier K, Berth 19, Navy Yard, New York, ship
in a fitting out status. SOAPA, Captain H. N. Branham, USN (Ret.),
SOAPA administration in Fleet Administration Office in the Navy Yard.

1 - 7 September 1944
Moored Pier K, Berth 19, Navy Yard, N.Y.
Commenced Dock Trials.
Rear Admiral A. G. Robinson, USN, and Board of Inspection and Survey
Completed inspection of ship.

9 - 10 September 1944
Moored starboard side to Pier K, Berth 19, Navy Yard, N.Y.

11 September 1944
Undergoing dock trials at Pier K, Berth 19, Navy Yard, N.Y.

12 September 1944
Cleared the dock and stood down East River and Upper Bay. Anchored
in Berth 20, Upper Bay, New York Harbor. Underway for drydock, Bayonne,
New Jersey. Moored U.S. Naval Drydock #7, Bayonne Annex, Navy Yard,
New York, Bayonne, New Jersey.

13 September 1944 - 20 September 1944
Docked in drydock, Bayonne Annex. SOAPA in Fleet Administrative
office in Navy Yard.

21 September 1944
Left drydock. Moored starboard side to Berths #5 and #6, New York

22 - 23 September 1944
Moored starboard side to Berths #5 and #6, Bayonne Annex.

24 September 1944
Underway for anchorage in Gravesend Bay, New York Harbor.
Anchored in Gravesend Bay.