25 September 1944
Underway for Norfolk, Virginia, in company with USS DALLAS (DD 199) and USS BERNADAL (DD 153), OTC in Bennington.

26 September 1944
Underway for decomming crib, Lambert's Point, Norfolk, Va.
Moored in decomming crib.

27 September 1944
Underway from Lambert's Point for Naval Operating Base, Norfolk, Moored starboard side to North Side of Pier 7, NOB, Norfolk, Va.

28 September 1944
Moored to Pier 7, Naval Operating Base, Norfolk, Va.

29 September 1944
Reported for duty to ComInCh, CinClant, ComAirLant, ComAirNORF
Moored to Pier 7, NOB, Norfolk, Carrier Air Group 82 reported to BENNINGTON for duty.

30 September 1944
Underway for anchorage, Hampton Roads, Virginia.
Anchored in Berth Z, Hampton Roads.

1 October 1944
Underway for Chesapeake Bay and anchored in Bay off degaussing range.

2 October 1944
Underway in Chesapeake Bay Area.
Landed first plane, No. 97 of VF 82; Pilot, Commander C.L. Heap, Commander Air Group 82.
Launched first aircraft, free-run take-off;
First catapult take-off.
Anchored in Bay off degaussing range.

3 October 1944
Underway in Chesapeake Bay area.
Anchored off Cape Charles.

4 October 1944
Moored starboard side to Pier 3, Berths 23 and 24, Norfolk Navy Yard, Portsmouth, Virginia.

5 October 1944
Moored Norfolk Navy Yard, Portsmouth, Va.

6 - 11 October 1944
Underway in Chesapeake Bay conduction air operations, gunnery exercises, and various drills.