

U. S. S. BENNINGTON (CV 20)

IN REPLY
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- 2 October 1944
Moored starboard side to North side of Pier 7, NOB, Norfolk, Va.
- 13 October 1944
Moored Pier 7, NOB, Norfolk, Va.
Commander Fleet Air Norfolk, Rear Admiral H.C. Read, USN, conducted "on reporting" inspection of the ship.
- 14 October 1944
Moored Pier 7, NOB, Norfolk, loading provisions, supplies, ammunition, fuel, and receiving personnel for cruise to Gulf of Paria.
- 15 October 1944
Underway for Chesapeake Bay operations area.
Landed Air Group aboard; 37 VF, 36VB, and 18 VT.
Anchored in Chesapeake Bay off Windmill point.
- 16 October 1944
Underway for gunnery and calibration exercises, Chesapeake Bay.
Commenced sortie from Chesapeake Bay enroute to Trinidad, BWI.
USS DECATUR (DD 341) and USS ABILE (DD 733) in company. OTC in BENNINGTON.
- 17 - 20 October 1944
Enroute from Norfolk, Va., to Trinidad, BWI.
On 19 October, Ensign T.J. Conners, A-V(N), USNR, in VF 67, crashed astern of ship after strafing run. Search results negative.
- 21 October 1944
Anchored Berth B-2, Trinidad, BWI (Off Naval Air Station).
- 22 October 1944
Anchored off WAS, Trinidad. Took on fuel and fresh water.
- 23 October 1944
Underway for operating area off Paria Peninsula, Gulf of Paria, for flight and gunnery operations.
Anchored off Paria Peninsula.
- 24 - 26 October 1944
Underway for area off Paria Peninsula for flight operations and gunnery training exercises.
- 27 October 1944
Anchored in Berth B-6, NOB, Trinidad. Took on aviation gasoline and fresh water.
- 28 October 1944 - 5 November 1944
Underway in Gulf of Paria off Trinidad, BWI, for flight operations and gunnery exercises.
- 6 November 1944
Anchored off NOB, Trinidad.