

U. S. S. BENNINGTON (CV 20)

IN REPLY
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7 November 1944

Anchored off NOT, Trinidad receiving fuel, aviation gasoline, and fresh water from barges alongside.

8 November 1944

Underway for Hampton Roads, Virginia, USS Decatur (DD 341) and USS Champlin (DD 601) in company, OTC in Bennington.

9 November 1944 - 12 November 1944

Underway for Hampton Roads, Virginia.

13 November 1944

Approaching Virginia Capes, CAG 82 launched planes for NAS Quonset point, Rhode Island.

14 November 1944

Moored Pier 7, NOB Norfolk.
Orders from ComAirLant changed aircraft complement of CAG 82 from 36 VF, 36 VB, and 18 VT to 54 VF, 24 VB, and 18 VT.

15 November 1944

Underway from NOB, Norfolk for Damage Control exercises in Chesapeake Bay.
Enroute to Navy Yard, N. Y.

16 November 1944

Moored starboard side to South side of jetty, Berth 51 and 52, N.Y. Navy Yard Annex, Bayonne, N.J.

17 November 1944 - 7 December 1944

Moored starboard side to south side of jetty, Berths 51 and 52, N.Y. Navy Yard Annex, Bayonne, New Jersey for post-shakedown availability.

8 December 1944

Moored N.Y. Navy Yard, Bayonne Annex.
Complement of CAG 82 changed from 54 VF, 24 VB, and 18 VT to 73 VF, 15 VB, and 15 VT, with 36 F4Us to be picked up on the West Coast.

9 - 10 December 1944

Moored N.Y. Navy Yard, Bayonne Annex.

11 December 1944

Moored N.Y. Navy Yard, Bayonne Annex.
Ground personnel of Air Group 82 came aboard.