

U. S. S. BENNINGTON (CV 20)

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- 23 April 1945
Underway 90 miles east of Okinawa providing patrols and offensives in support of Okinawa ground activities.
- 24 - 25 April 1945
Underway in an area approximately 75 miles east Okinawa.
Bad weather caused cancellation of all flights except patrols.
- 26 April 1945
Operating in an area 300 miles southeast of Okinawa for replenishment.
- 27 April 1945
Underway 90 miles east of Okinawa launching patrols and support strikes over Okinawa.
- 28 - 29 April 1945
Underway enroute from Okinawa area to Ulithi.
- 30 April 1945
Anchored in Berth 6, Ulithi Islands Anchorage.
- 1 - 8 May 1945
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- 9 May 1945
Cleared Ulithi Anchorage for firing exercise area.
- 10 - 11 May 1945
Enroute from Ulithi to Okinawa area.
- 12 May 1945
Underway for fueling enroute to launch attacks against southern Kyushu and Okinawa.
Commander A.G. Beckmann 1st Lieutenant, detached to report to USS Wichita for duty as Executive Officer,
Commander C.D. Hoover assumed duties as Air Officer this ship.
- 13 - 14 May 1945
Operating in an area approximately 80-100 miles southeast of southern Kyushu launching strikes and sweeps on air fields and installations on Kyushu.
Frequent air attacks by enemy planes.
- 15 May 1945
Underway approximately 200 miles southeast of Okinawa for refueling.
Captain E.J. Brew detached pursuant BuPers despatch, and Commander E.E. Colestock assumed duties as Executive Officer.
- 16 May 1945
Underway 250 miles southeast of Okinawa in fueling area.
Launched sweep against Minami Daito Shima.