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AWM78 Class 307 - HMAS SAMUEL BENBOW

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REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS

H.M.A.S. "SAMUEL BENBOW"

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From COMMANDING OFFICER H.M.A.S. "SAMUEL BENBOW"

Date 8th October 1945 Reference No.

HM. To Secretary, The Naval Board.

Subject Report of Proceedings for month of September 1945.

The following is submitted for your information:

Sept. 1st - 7th : At Thursday Is. preparing for sea; bunkered on 5th; provisioned + watering on 7th Sept.

Sept. 8th : 0700 - slipped from main jetty Thursday Is. in company with Durrawen (towing Amohine) + Goolgwai (towing Boonaroo), en route to Cairns. 1720 - anchored off Shortland Reef.

.. 9th : 0605 - weighed anchor - 1720 anchored off Sunday Is.

.. 10th : 0550 - - 1910 .. N.W. Night Is.

.. 11th : 0545 - - 1830 .. in Stokes Bay (Stanley Is.)

.. 12th : 0545 - - 1712 .. N.W. Howick Is.

.. 13th : 0545 - - 1900 .. N.W. Egret Reef.

.. 14th : 0545 - - 1535 .. N.W. Low Islets.

.. 15th : 0530 - - 1130 - secured Kuranda Wharf (Cairns)

Watered + provisioned.

.. 16th : 0800 - slipped from Kuranda Wharf en route Townsville. in company with Durrawen + Goolgwai + resp. tows.

.. 17th : 0835 - secured alongside East Breakwater Townsville. bunkered, watered + provisioned.

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Distance steamed: 1852 miles.

Hours under way: 276 hours.

Average distance per ton of fuel: 18½ miles.

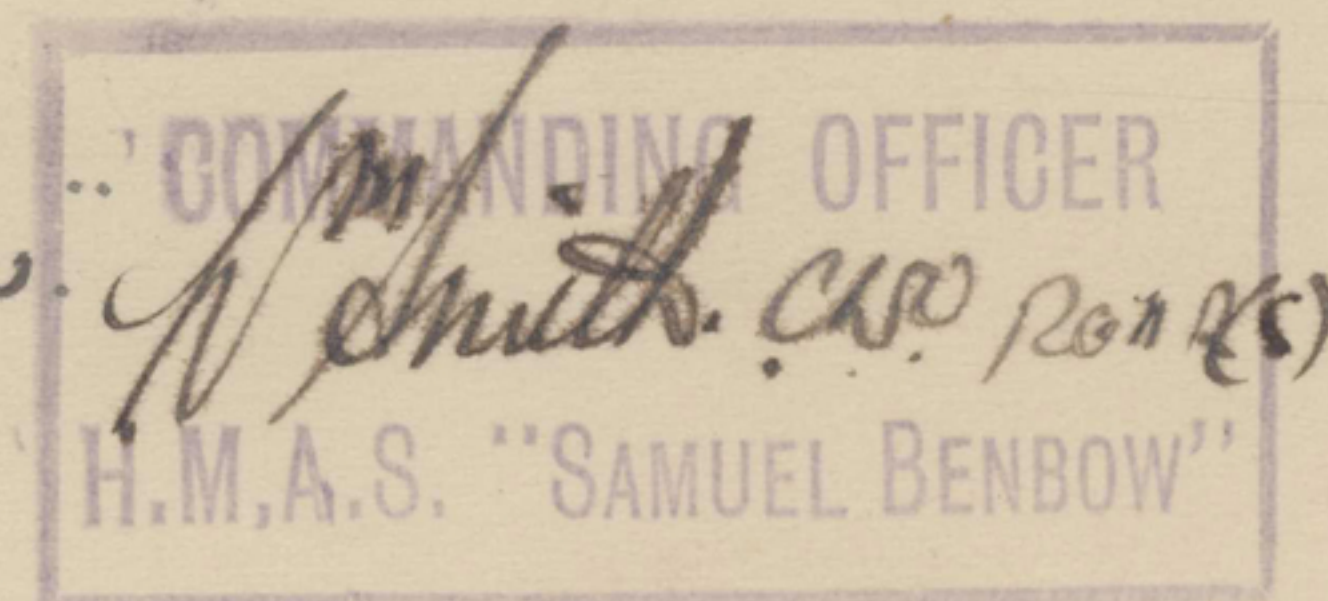
Total distance steamed since commissioning 6th Sept. 1940
to 30th Sept. 1945. 39,279 miles.

Total hours under way since commissioning to 30 Sept '45.

Copies to :- N.O.C. Thursday Is. 8127 15/60 hrs.

F.O.I.C. Sydney.

C.O. H.M.A.S. "Samuel Benbow"



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The Secretary,
Naval Board.

Submitted for the information of the Naval Board.

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R. A. N. R.
Lieutenant Commander R. A. N. R.
NAVAL OFFICER IN CHARGE.

Thursday Island.
3 September 1945.
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From COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.A.S. "SAMUEL BENBOW".Date 31st. August, 1945.

Reference No. _____

To N.O.I.C. THURSDAY ISLAND. (for file)Subject REPORT OF PROCEEDINGSFOR AUGUST 1945.

The following is submitted for information:

- AUGUST 1st. & 2nd.- Sweeping in Survey Area with Goolgwai; bottom sweep used.
- " 3rd to 5th.- At Thursday Is. bunkering, watering, & getting fresh provisions.
- " 6th.- 0730 proceeded to Survey Area in company with Goolgwai to lay beacons in Area.
- " 7th.- 1100 completed laying of beacons; proceeded to position & commenced bottom sweep; anchored near Booby Is. at night.
- " 8th.- Carried out bottom sweep with Goolgwai in Survey Area; anchored at Booby Is. at night.
- " 9th.- Carried out bottom sweep with Goolgwai in Survey Area; anchored in Area at night.
- " 10th.- Owing to defects in sweeping winch, commenced running lines of soundings with Goolgwai.
- " 11th.- Returned to Thursday Is. in company with Goolgwai to replenish fresh water & provisions; defects to sweeping winch being effected by Base Engineer Staff.
- " 12th.- Alongside Jetty at Thursday Is. watering & provisioning ship; also having winch defects affected.
- " 13th.- 0730 slipped from Jetty & proceeded to Survey Area in company with Durraween; 1000 anchored near Booby Is. winch very unsatisfactory for sweeping; 1400 completed repairs.
- " 14th.- Carried out bottom sweep in Survey Area with Durraween; anchored in Area at night.
- " 15th.- Carried out bottom sweep in Survey Area with Durraween; 1230 anchored off Booby Is.; 1400 proceeded to Thursday Is. to attend divisions & Church service for a.m. 16th.
- " 16th to 19th.- At Thursday Is. for bunkers, water & fresh provisions.
- " 20th.- 0700 proceeded to sea with Durraween; landed stores at Booby Is.; 0950 commenced sweeping Survey Area with Durraween; bottom sweep used.
- " 21st.- Prepared Moresby beacon & laid same; P.M. sweeping Area with Durraween; bottom sweep used; anchored near Booby Is at night.
- " 22nd.- Sweeping Survey Area with Durraween; bottom sweep used; anchored in Normanby Sound.
- " 23rd.- 0800 weighed anchor & proceeded to Thursday Is. for internal boiler cleaning; 0920 secured alongside Naval Jetty (Th. Is.)
- " 24th. to 31st.- Alongside Naval Jetty (Th. Is.); internal boiler cleaning carried out.

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 Aug. 25th.
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 BENBOW".

Sub. Lieut. W. R. Smith, R.A.N.R. joined ship; this officer came from H.M.A.S. "COLAC".
 Health of ship's company is reasonably good; have had one rating to hospital for 6 days with tropical ulcers.
 Facilities for carrying refrigerating stores unchanged.
 Presence of rats has been detected; ship under fumigation on 31st. Aug.
 Welfare & conduct of ship's company is very good.
 Distance steamed 180 miles.
 Hours under way 120 and 15/60.
 Average distance per ton of fuel 30 miles.
 Total distance steamed since commissioning on 6th. Sept. 1940 to 31st. Aug. 1945 37427 miles.
 Total hours under way from 6th. Sept. 1940 to 31st. Aug. 1945 7851 15/60 hrs.

W. R. Smith
 COMMANDING OFFICER



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