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**From:** The Commanding Officer.  
**To:** The Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet.  
**Via:** (1) The Commander Task Unit 52.2.3 (COMDETROU ONE)  
(2) The Commander Task Group 52.2 (COMCRUDIV SIX)  
(3) The Commander Task Force 52 (COMANPHIBFOR).

**Subject:** Action Report - Seizure and Occupation of Makin Island, period 20 November 1942 to 26 November 1943 - submission of.

**Reference:** (a) PacFlt Conf. ltr 36CL-42.

**Enclosure:** (A) Subject action report.

1. In accordance with reference (a) the subject action report is forwarded herewith as enclosure (A).

  
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- 0000 In cruising disposition 311 with Task Force 52, Commander Task Force 52, Rear Admiral Turner, in U.S.S. PENNSYLVANIA, Fleet guide in U.S.S. LEONARD WOOD. U.S.S. PHELPS in station 8020. Task Force formation composed of U.S.S. PENNSYLVANIA, U.S.S. IDAHO, U.S.S. NEW MEXICO, U.S.S. CORREGIDOR, U.S.S. CORAL SEA, U.S.S. LISCOMBE BAY, U.S.S. MINNEAPOLIS, U.S.S. NEW ORLEANS, U.S.S. SAN FRANCISCO, U.S.S. BALTIMORE, U.S.S. LEONARD WOOD, U.S.S. BELLE GROVE, U.S.S. CALVERT, U.S.S. ALOYONE, U.S.S. NEVILLE, U.S.S. PIERCE, U.S.S. PHELPS, U.S.S. MAC DONOUGH, U.S.S. DEWEY, U.S.S. HULL, U.S.S. GRIMMETT, U.S.S. HUGHES, U.S.S. MORRIS, U.S.S. MAURY, U.S.S. MUSTIN, U.S.S. KIMBELY, U.S.S. HOWE, U.S.S. FRANKS, U.S.S. REVENGE.
- Fleet axis 000, fleet course 310° T, fleet speed 12 knots.
- 0130 Commenced zigzagging using plan No. 6.
- 0323 Changed fleet course to 270° T.
- 0339 Changed fleet speed to 10 knots.
- 0411 Changed fleet course to 330° T.
- 0431 Changed fleet course to 000° T.
- 0454 Changed fleet speed to 5 knots.
- 0525 Changed fleet course to 020° T.
- 0530 Formation broken up, units proceeding to transport and fire support areas. PHELPS left formation to screen transports in transport area one.
- 0555 Entered transport area fl.
- 0558 Transports commencing disembarking boats. U.S.S. PHELPS patrolling in anti-submarine screen around transports.
- 0615 Sunrise. Friendly carrier planes commenced bombing and strafing Japanese positions on Makin Island.
- 0628 Plane crashed in water bearing 145°.
- 0640 Fire support groups 1 and 2 commenced shore bombardment of Makin Island.
- 0650 Transferred ECM machine to U.S.S. LEONARD WOOD boat.

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- 0725 Battleships and cruisers bombarded Makin Island with heavy rain storm prevailing during bombardment. U.S.S. PHELPS proceeded toward point of departure off Red Beach to act as control vessel for landing boats from U.S.S. CALVERT.
- 0750 U.S.S. PHELPS on station at point of departure for landing boats and reported condition of surf as good.
- 0800 Position - 02° 56.8'N; 172° 56.8'E.
- 0805 Called group of LVT's to line of departure.
- 0810 Despatched LVT's to Red Beach.
- 0815 Called wave No. 1 of landing boats to line of departure.
- 0818 Despatched wave No. 1 of landing boats to Red Beach.
- 0820 Called wave No. 2 of landing boats to line of departure.
- 0823 Despatched wave No. 2 of landing boats to Red Beach.
- 0825 Called wave No. 3 of landing boats to line of departure.
- 0828 Despatched wave No. 3 of landing boats to Red Beach.
- 0835 Called wave No. 4 of landing boats to line of departure.
- 0838 Despatched wave No. 4 of landing boats to Red Beach.
- 0840 Called wave No. 5 of landing boats to line of departure.
- 0843 Despatched wave No. 5 of landing boats to Red Beach.
- 0845 Called wave No. 6 of landing boats to line of departure.
- 0848 Despatched wave No. 6 of landing boats to Red Beach.
- 0850 Called wave No. 7 of landing boats to line of departure, but evidently due to change of plan there was no wave No. 7, as none showed up at line of departure.
- 0900 U.S.S. PHELPS and U.S.S. MacDONOUGH formed column and proceeded to Makin Lagoon for shore bombardment, following U.S.S. REVENGE with her paravanes streamed and sweeping ahead for mines.
- 0921 Entered Makin Lagoon.

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- 1000 U.S.S. REVENGE commenced shore bombardment. Many shells from other bombardment units landed close by. O.T.C. notified by Comdesron ONE on T.B.S.
- 1005 U.S.S. PHELPS and U.S.S. MacDONOUGH commenced firing at assigned target areas numbers 836, 838, 842, 844, 894, 895. Many large fires observed on the beach.
- 1025 Ceased firing shore bombardment. Expended: 230 rounds 5"/38 AA common projectiles.
- 1032 First wave of landing boats landed at Yellow Beach 2 inside the lagoon and reported severe opposition by the enemy with heavy machinegun fire.
- 1035 Proceeded out of lagoon to Fire Support Sector No. 5.
- 1126 Commenced patrolling sector 5, using various courses and various speeds, standing by for call fire from shore fire control party.
- 1200 Position - Latitude  $02^{\circ} 55'N$ ; Longitude  $174^{\circ} 00'E$ .
- 1830 T.G. 52.11, U.S.S. PHELPS, MacDONOUGH, U.S.S. DEWEY, U.S.S. HULL, U.S.S. KIMBERLEY, U.S.S. BURNS, U.S.S. MUSTIN, U.S.S. IDAHO, U.S.S. MINNEAPOLIS, U.S.S. PENNSYLVANIA (SOPA-Rear Admiral TURNER), U.S.S. SAN FRANCISCO, U.S.S. NEW ORLEANS, Transport Group, and U.S.S. REVENGE, formed cruising disposition 3L; course and axis  $210^{\circ}T$ , speed 13.5 knots. PHELPS patrolling in station 5000.
- 1912 Changed course to  $150^{\circ}T$ .
- 1947 Changed fleet course to  $090^{\circ}T$ .
- 2000 Position: Latitude  $02^{\circ} 49'N$ ; Longitude  $172^{\circ} 48.9'E$ .
- November 21, 1943.
- With T.G. 52.11 in cruising disposition 3L, axis  $210^{\circ}T$ , fleet course  $090^{\circ}T$ , fleet speed 13.5 (130 rpm), U.S.S. PHELPS patrolling station 5000.
- 0105 Changed base course to  $180^{\circ}T$ .
- 0113 Changed base course to  $270^{\circ}T$ .
- 0435 Changed base course to  $000^{\circ}T$ .

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- 0440 O.T.C. reported surface radar contact bearing 256<sup>o</sup>T. Cruisers with destroyers astern formed an attack group to investigate.
- 0500 Contact identified as U.S.S. CALDWELL and Makin LST Group #2; attack force returned to formation.
- 0608 Changed course to 290<sup>o</sup>T.
- 0630 Changed base course to 320<sup>o</sup>T., approaching Makin Island, to continue unloading of transports in transport area No. 1.
- 0712 U.S.S. PHELPS left formation and proceeded to Sector #5 in readiness to deliver fire support.
- 0800 Position: Latitude 02<sup>o</sup> 58'N; Longitude 172<sup>o</sup> 49'E.  
Weather: Visibility unlimited, barometer 29.94, temperature 84<sup>o</sup>, wind 4-6 knots from SE, sea CALM.
- 1155 Joined transport screen in formation X-ray.
- 1200 Position: Longitude 172<sup>o</sup> 48.9'E; Latitude 02<sup>o</sup> 59'N.
- 1535 Received E.C.M. machines from LEONARD WOOD boat. Resumed
- 1817 Formed cruising disposition 3L4, with T.G. 52.11 less BELLE GROVE, ALCYONE, and REVENGE, U.S.S. LEONARD WOOD guide, fleet course 180<sup>o</sup>T., speed 13.5 knots (130 rpm), patrolling station at 14 knots (135 rpm).
- 1900 Changed fleet course to 090<sup>o</sup>T.
- 2000 Position: Latitude 02<sup>o</sup> 46'N; Longitude 172<sup>o</sup> 53.2'E.
- November 22, 1943.

In cruising disposition 3L4 with T.G. 52.11, guide in U.S.S. LEONARD WOOD, fleet course 090<sup>o</sup>T., axis 180<sup>o</sup>T., speed 13.5 knots (130 rpm), U.S.S. PHELPS patrolling station at 14 knots (135 rpm), in station 5000.

- 0032 Changed fleet course to 180<sup>o</sup>T.
- 0040 Changed fleet course to 270<sup>o</sup>T.
- 0512 Changed fleet course to 300<sup>o</sup>T.
- 0524 Changed fleet course to 000<sup>o</sup>T.

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- 0550 Transports arrived in Transport Area #2 and resumed unloading. U.S.S. CALDWELL joined transport screen.
- 0610 U.S.S. PHELPS ordered to proceed into lagoon to give fire support if called for by shore fire control party.
- 0705 Proceeded into Makin Lagoon, having received aboard Lt. Comdr. G.H. HEYEN, R.A.N.R.(S). Patrolling Sector #6 in Makin Lagoon awaiting call for fire support.
- 0900 Observed friendly tank units followed by infantry advance through wooded area and across tank trap toward Beach Blue. Snipers were mopped up in enemy radar tower and other places of concealment by our light M.G. units.
- 1350 Proceeded out of Makin Lagoon.
- 1415 Joined transport screen in formation X-ray.
- 1500 U.S.S. NEW ORLEANS and U.S.S. CALDWELL left formation.
- 1800 T.G. 52.11 less U.S.S. ALYCON, U.S.S. BELLE GROVE, and U.S.S. REVENGE formed cruising disposition 3L4, guide in U.S.S. LEONARD WOOD. Course and axis 180°T., speed 13.5 knots(130 rpm), U.S.S. PHELPS patrolling at 14.5 knots (140 rpm), in station 5000.
- 1900 Changed fleet course to 090°T.
- 1920 Changed fleet course to 060°T.
- 2000 Position 02° 45.3'N; 172° 52.8'E.

November 23, 1943.

With T.G. 52.11 in cruising disposition 3L4, guide in U.S.S. LEONARD WOOD, fleet axis 180°T., fleet course 060°T., speed 13.5 knots(130 rpm), U.S.S. PHELPS patrolling at 14.5 knots (140 rpm) in station 5000.

- 0028 Changed fleet course to 150°T.
- 0037 Changed fleet course to 233°T.
- 0440 Changed fleet course to 270°T.
- 0525 Changed fleet course to 330°T.
- 0540 Changed fleet course to 000°T.
- 0600 Transports entered transport area #2, to continue unloading. U.S.S. DEWEY left the screen. 82

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- 0749 Unidentified radar air contact. Prepared to repel air attack as directed by O.T.C.
- 0800 Position  $02^{\circ} 56.3'N$ ;  $172^{\circ} 53.3'E$ .  
Weather: Visibility unlimited, barometer 29.90, temperature  $80^{\circ}$ , wind 4-6 knots from E, sea CALM.
- 0805 Formed cruising disposition 3L3, course and axis  $245^{\circ}T$ , speed 15 knots(145 rpm).
- 0818 Changed fleet speed to 10 knots(95 rpm).
- 0822 Changed fleet speed to 13.5 knots. Contact identified as friendly. Formation returned to transport area.
- 0903 Moored starboard side to U.S.S. CALVERT off Makin Island to receive fuel.
- 1100 U.S.S. DEWEY rejoined formation.
- 1250 Underway from alongside U.S.S. CALVERT, fueling completed. Proceeding to screening station in formation X-ray.
- 1620 U.S.S. MacDONOUGH reported submarine contact. Contact proved false.
- 1745 U.S.S. MUSTIN reported sound contact and left screen. U.S.S. BURNS left screen to assist U.S.S. MUSTIN. U.S.S. MUSTIN dropped depth charges. Task Force Commander ordered both ships to continue search all night.
- 1816 T-11 52.11 less U.S.S. MUSTIN and U.S.S. BURNS, U.S.S. ALYCONE, U.S.S. BELM GROVE, AND U.S.S. REVENGE, formed cruising disposition 3L, guide in U.S.S. LEONARD WOOD, fleet course and axis  $180^{\circ}T$ , speed 13.5 knots, U.S.S. PHELPS patrolling station in station No. 1.
- 1825 Changed fleet course to  $240^{\circ}T$ .
- 1830 Changed fleet speed to 15 knots(145 rpm).
- 1834 Changed fleet course to  $200^{\circ}T$ .
- 1835 Changed fleet speed to 13.5 knots.
- 1852 Changed fleet course to  $180^{\circ}T$ .
- 1940 U.S.S. DALE left formation to investigate radar contact astern.

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- 2000 Position:  $02^{\circ} 40.8'N$ ;  $172^{\circ} 35.9'E$ .
- 2040 U.S.S. DALE rejoined formation; results negative.
- 2045 Changed fleet course to  $090^{\circ}T$ .
- 2245 Changed fleet course to  $051^{\circ}T$ .

November 24, 1943.

With T.G. 52.11 less U.S.S. MUSTIN and U.S.S. BURNS, U.S.S. ALYCONE, U.S.S. BELLE GROVE, and U.S.S. REVENGE, in cruising formation 3M, guide in U.S.S. LEONARD WOOD, fleet axis  $180^{\circ}T$ , fleet course  $051^{\circ}T$ , fleet speed 13.5 knots. U.S.S. PHELPS patrolling station in station No. 1.

- 0155 Changed fleet course to  $340^{\circ}T$ .
- 0207 Changed fleet course to  $250^{\circ}T$ .
- 0408 Changed fleet course to  $230^{\circ}T$ .
- 0450 Changed fleet course to  $250^{\circ}T$ .
- 0512 Large explosion seen bearing  $245^{\circ}T$ . Emergency turn to  $160^{\circ}T$ .
- 0520 Changed fleet course to  $100^{\circ}T$ .
- 0525 Changed fleet course to  $010^{\circ}T$ .
- 0530 Changed fleet course to  $310^{\circ}T$ .
- 0538 Received word that explosion was U.S.S. LISCOME BAY, operating with T.G. 52.13, hit by one or more torpedoes and sunk. U.S.S. MacDONOUGH ordered to scene to aid in search for survivors.
- 0553 Changed fleet course to  $340^{\circ}T$ .
- 0600 Changed fleet course to  $010^{\circ}T$ .
- 0620 Entered transport area #2, joined anti-submarine screen about transports in formation X-ray. U.S.S. PHELPS patrolling station.
- 0800 Position: Latitude  $02^{\circ} 53'N$ ; Longitude  $173^{\circ} 53'E$ .

Weather: Visibility unlimited, barometer 29.85, temperature  $84^{\circ}$ , wind 7-10 knots from E, sea CALM.

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- 1000 U.S.S. HULL joined formation.
- 1100 T.G. 54.8 arrived in area. Transports entered lagoon; U.S.S. NEW ORLEANS, U.S.S. CALDWELL, U.S.S. WHITMAN, and U.S.S. WILMAN, joined formation X-ray as screen for transport area #2.
- 1251 Formed cruising disposition 314, to repel air attack, using various courses and various speeds. Many Zeros reported heading toward Makin Island.
- 1343 U.S.S. MUSTIN, U.S.S. DEWEY, U.S.S. CALDWELL, and U.S.S. BURNS left formation.
- 1452 Planes on radar identified as friendly.
- 1519 Changed fleet course to 090°T.
- 1536 Commenced zig-zagging using plan No. 6.
- 1607 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed base course.
- 1610 Changed fleet course to 045°T.
- 1616 Commenced zig-zagging using plan No. 6.
- 1630 Changed fleet course to 070°T.
- 1658 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed fleet course.
- 1700 U.S.S. DAIN, U.S.S. HULL, U.S.S. WHITMAN, and U.S.S. WILMAN left formation. Formed anti-submarine screen No. 53, U.S.S. PHELPS in station No. 1, 3000 yards dead ahead of guide, patrolling station.
- 1809 Reconstituted T.F. 52 (U.S.S. PHELPS, U.S.S. MacDONOUGH, U.S.S. KIMBERLEY, U.S.S. HOEL, U.S.S. HUGHES, U.S.S. MORRIS, U.S.S. FRANKS, U.S.S. MAURY, U.S.S. MINNEAPOLIS, U.S.S. CORREGIDOR, U.S.S. CORAL SEA, U.S.S. GRIDLEY, U.S.S. PENNSYLVANIA, U.S.S. NEW MEXICO, U.S.S. IDAHO, U.S.S. BALTIMORE, U.S.S. SAN FRANCISCO, U.S.S. NEW ORLEANS). Formed cruising disposition 311, fleet axis 110°T. Fleet speed 15 knots (14.5 rpm). U.S.S. PHELPS patrolling station 7075. Fleet guide in U.S.S. PENNSYLVANIA.
- 1810 Shifted guide to U.S.S. CORREGIDOR.
- 1830 Changed fleet course to 090°T.
- 2000 Position: 02° 57.2'N; 173° 36.5'E.
- 1922 Changed fleet speed to 14 knots (134 rpm).

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With T.F. 52 in cruising disposition 3L1, fleet guide in U.S.S. CORREGIDOR, fleet axis 110°T, Fleet course 090°T. Fleet speed 14 knots(135 rpm), U.S.S. PHELPS patrolling station 7075.

- 0032 Changed fleet course to 150°T.
- 0038 Changed fleet course to 210°T.
- 0543 Changed fleet course to 100°T.
- 0550 U.S.S. MINNEAPOLIS, U.S.S. SAN FRANCISCO, U.S.S. MAURY, and U.S.S. GRIDLEY left formation to proceed as previously directed. Formed screen #57.
- 0600 Changed fleet course to 010°T.
- 0605 Changed fleet course to 320°T.
- 0610 Commenced zig-zagging using plan No. 6.
- 0800 Position: Latitude 02° 24.9'N; Longitude 173° 40'E.  
Weather: Visibility unlimited, barometer 29.84, temperature 83°, wind 4-6 knots from E, sea CALM.
- 0845 Ceased zig-zagging and resumed fleet course.
- 0850 Fleet course to 100°T. Carriers launched planes.
- 0915 Changed fleet course to 320°T.
- 1137 Changed fleet course to 101°T. Carriers launched planes.
- 1200 Position: Latitude 02° 55.5'N; Longitude 173° 36.8'E.
- 1251 Changed fleet course to 161°T.
- 1500 Changed fleet course to 320°T.
- 1730 Changed fleet course to 100°T. Carriers recovered planes.
- 1740 Formed anti-submarine screen on circle 6, fleet guide in U.S.S. CORREGIDOR, fleet axis 110°T. Fleet course 100°T. Fleet speed 14 knots(134 rpm). U.S.S. PHELPS patrolling in station No. 7.
- 1747 Changed fleet course and axis to 120°T.

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- 1803 Commenced zigzagging using plan No. 6.
- 1812 Darkened ship.
- 1812 U.S.S. IDAHO reported air radar contact bearing 020° T, range 14 miles.
- 1825 Ceased zigzagging and resumed fleet course. Sighted plane later reported as Betty paralleling fleet course on port beam of formation.
- 1858 Changed fleet speed to 17 knots.
- 1859 Betty closing. Another radar contact.
- 1902 Betty dropped flare on water.

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With Task Force 52 in anti-submarine screen No. 57, fleet guide in U.S.S. CORRECORDE, fleet axis 110° T., fleet course 120° T, fleet speed 14 knots. U.S.S. PHELPS patrolling station No. 7.

- 0205 Cruisers, U.S.S. HOEL, U.S.S. HUGHES left formation to proceed on duty assigned. U.S.S. PHELPS took station No. 1 in anti-submarine screen.
- 0500 U.S.S. KIMBERLY left formation to proceed on duty previously assigned.
- 0530 Changed fleet course to 020° T.
- 0533 Changed fleet course to 100° T.
- 0606 Commenced zigzagging using plan No. 6.
- 0800 Position: 03° 04.1' N, 173° 46.2' E.  
Weather: Visibility unlimited, barometer 29.84, temperature wind 4 - 6 knots from East, sea calm.
- 0859 Ceased zigzagging and resumed base course.
- 1033 Changed fleet course to 180° T.
- 1044 commenced zigzagging using plan No. 6.
- 1143 Ceased zigzagging and came to fleet course 100° T.

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- 1157 Changed fleet course to 180° T.
- 1200 Position: 02° 43.8' N. 174° 26.8' E.
- 1425 Rotated screen axis to 135° T.
- 1440 Changed fleet course to 090° T.
- 1502 Commenced zigzagging using plan No. 6.
- 1637 Ceased zigzagging and came to base course 180° T.
- 1655 Commenced zigzagging using plan No. 6.
- 1721 Ceased zigzagging came to base course 120° T.
- 1727 Commenced zigzagging using plan No. 6.
- 1747 Changed fleet speed to 17 knots.
- 1755 Ceased zigzagging came to base course 120° T. Carriers recovered aircraft.
- 1802 Changed fleet course to 091° T.
- 1820 Carriers completed recovering aircraft. Changed fleet speed to 14 knots. U.S.S. PHELPS took station 6268 in anti-submarine screen.
- 1825 Enemy aircraft reported by radar guard ship.
- 1835 Enemy aircraft reported closing. Prepared to repel air attack using various courses and various speeds.
- 1852 Enemy plane dropped flares bearing 095° T. Various emergency signals to avoid flares ordered by D.T.C.
- 2000 Position: 01° 45' N. 174° 51.7' E.
- 2030 Formed cruising disposition 341, guide in U.S.S. CORREGIDOR, fleet axis 090° T, fleet course 080° T, fleet speed 14 knots. U.S.S. PHELPS patrolling station 6268 in anti-submarine screen.

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5 December, 1943.

From: The Commander Destroyer Squadron ONE.  
To: The Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet.  
Via: (1) The Commander Task Group 52.2 (ComCruDiv SIX).  
(2) The Commander Task Force 52 (ComFifthPhibFor).  
Subject: Action Report - Seizure and Occupation of Makin  
Island, period 20 November 1942 to 26 November  
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1. Forwarded. The same day's embarkment of  
BUTARIFARI ISLAND from inside the lagoon was carried out without  
incident and with no apparent enemy opposition. The REVENGE  
conducted a sweep for moored and acoustic mines exactly on sched-  
ule; so far as is known, no mines were encountered. The task  
group was momentarily embarrassed by "overs" from a ship firing  
from the southward of the atoll, but no damage was done.

2. While the PHELPS was operating in Sector 5 on the  
afternoon of Dog Day, several single-gun salvos of medium caliber  
(judged to be about 3") were fired in her general direction from  
the beach, but all fell short. The matter was reported to NLO-15  
with the request that he determine, if possible, the origin of  
the gunfire, but without result.

3. Fire from PHELPS and MACDONOUGH was accurately  
controlled and appeared to be very effective.

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TASK FORCE FIFTY-TWO (NORTHERN ATTACK FORCE)  
TASK GROUP FIFTY-TWO POINT TWO (SUPPORT GROUP)

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Serial 0115

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FORMER COM. LSP. 10360/A12  
A16-3/WAR Ser. 0149 of  
5 December 1943.

From: The Commander Task Group FIFTY-TWO POINT TWO,  
(Support Group).  
To: The Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet.  
Via: (1) The Commander Task Force FIFTY-TWO, (Com-  
mander Northern Attack Force).  
(2) The Commander Central Pacific Force.

Subject: Action Report - Seizure and Occupation of Makin  
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2. For special comments, see Commander Task Group  
FIFTY TWO POINT TWO letter A16-3, serial 0046 of 14 December  
1943.

  
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FIFTH AMPHIBIOUS FORCE, PACIFIC FLEET  
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THIRD ENDORSEMENT to  
CO, USS PHLEPS (LST-1167)  
Serial 0143 dated  
5 December 1943.

From: Commander FIFTH Amphibious Force,  
U.S. Pacific Fleet.  
To: Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet.  
Via: Commander Central Pacific Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet.  
Subject: CO, U.S.S. PHLEPS Action Report - Seizure and Occupation  
of Makin Island, period 23 November 1943 to 26 November  
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FOURTH ENDORSEMENT to  
CG, USS PHELPS Conf.  
Serial 0149 dated  
5 December 1943.

From: Commander Central Pacific Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet.  
To : Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet.  
Subject: CG, USS PHELPS Action Report - Seizure and Occupation  
of MAKIN Island, period 20 November 1943 to 26 November  
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