HEADQUARTERS: MISSISSIPPI RIVER SQUADRON, USN

Ohio Division

Date: September 11, 2016

Near: Portland Ohio

General Order 1863-2-MR (USN)

The following will be promulgated throughout the Department of Ohio immediately and is effective for action upon receipt. Please disseminate to your subordinate commands.

This General Order will outline the deployment and disposition of the Mississippi River Squadron, Ohio Division, in the forthcoming actions against the rebel Morgan.

The Fleet:

1. Largest boat, portraying, USS Moose
   Lt. Cmdr. LR Golding, commanding (as Lt. Cmdr. LeRoy Fitch, USNA '56)
   Ship's complement:
   USS Louisville detachment, Petty Officer Jno. Stich, commanding
   Col. Scott Johnson's infantry command, Western troops

2. Second boat, portraying, USS Victory
   Lt. Sam Grant, commanding
   Ship's complement:
   Col. Tom Downes' infantry command, Eastern troops

3. Smallest boat, M/V Iva Ruby, portraying, USS Reindeer, deployed as gunship
   Sgt. Jno. Wells, commanding
   Ship's complement:
   Battery personnel and attached marines and sailors
   Possible addition of one small company, (i.e. 7th NJ) in support
Order of battle:

1. USS Moose contains "beachhead" force of marines and sailors in a landing party and is first to disembark, and Col. Johnson's infantry follows to secure the landing.

2. USS Victory contains support troops and is second to disembark, with Col. Downes' command in support of Col. Johnson's beachhead.

3. USS Reindeer contains artillery personnel and is third to disembark, and will provide covering fire as long as practicable.

En route, USS Reindeer will be in the lead as armed escort.

Command of flotilla, ships and men at sea:

Lt. Cmdr. L.R. Golding

Command of infantry troops once deployed ashore:

Brig. Gen. D.N. Markijohn

Respectfully,

L. R. Golding

Lt. Cmdr. LR Golding
Commodore, USV