

# **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. 7<sup>th</sup> 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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "L.R. Golding". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name.

Lt. Cmdr. LR Golding  
Commodore, USV