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Gentlemen,

It is with the utmost pleasure that I announce to you the appointment of Major Harry Aycock as Chief of Artillery, Army of the Mississippi.

Major Aycock started his career in our mutual avocation as an artillerist, serving in various positions over many years. You will find his knowledge of your art to your great advantage during our upcoming campaign.

Additionally, Major Aycock is one of the most organized officers currently in service. Being such, you will find him to be an asset to you.

He is officially charged with:

1. Organizing the Artillery Arm for the upcoming campaign.
2. Coordinating your logistic needs, to be satisfied by Army Department Staff.
3. Coordinating your movements and fire orders upon the Field of Honor.
4. Gun Safety.
5. Communication specific to your arm.
6. Ensuring that you and your men have a safe and enjoyable experience.

In his position, Major Aycock will report directly to me.

I remain your most humble servant,

D. Watters, Gen'l Cmd'g

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