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I -- AVARD OF SILVER SIME -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended and pursuant to authority contained in Circular 2, First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Silver Star is awarded to the following enlisted men:

Staff Sergeand Joseph J. Schlecht. 19 102 494, Field Artillery, 820th Tank Destroyer Battalion United States Army, for gallantry in action on 16 December 1944, in Belgium. Thile the chemy was making a strong attack against his platoon, Staff Sergeant Schiecht moved across seventy yards of open ground under enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire, carrying ammunition to the position of a three inch gun which he immediately manned, and firing at a range of two hundred yards. killed and wounded approximately twenty enemy troops. Then his supply of ammunition was exhausted, Staff Sorgeant Schlecht returned for a new supply and again took up his position which was still under enemy fire. As the enemy reappeared in greater number, Staff Sergeant Schlecht caused approximately twenty more enemy casualties, knocked out a machine gun nest and disposed of a mortar which was being prepared for action. Through his initiative and courage, Staff Sergeant Schlecht delayed an enemy advance sufficiently to permit the remainder of his plateon to withdraw to a more favorable position. The courage, personal bravery and devotion to duty of Staff Sergeant Schlacht reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Entered military service from Oregon.

Sergeant Robert L. Varce, 34 280 140, Field Artillery, 820th Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for gallantry in action on 16 December 1944 in Belgium. Then the outpost which he and his squad of eight men were occupying was subjected to violent enemy attack starting with an hour long artillery barrage and continuing in varying form for three hours, Sergeant Vance repeatedly exposing himself to the enemy fire, moved freely among his men dispensing ammunition, directing fire and encouraging them to greater effort. In a series of courageous individual encounters, Sergeant Vance, with a sub-machine gun, disposed of a five man enemy spearhead; with an M1 rifle killed a rocket crew which threatened the outpost; and when three enemy soldiers infiltrated the position, he faced withering small arms fire and disposed of them with hand grenades. As a result of his able leadership, the outpost sustained no casualties and forced the enemy to withdraw. Sergeant Vance's courage, coolness under fire and able direction of this operation reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Intered military service from Tennessee.

II -- AVIRO OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Circular 2, First United States Army, 4 January 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following officer and enlisted men:

First Lieutemant Malter T. Gledhill, Jr. 01 823 141, Infantry, 820th Tank Destroyer Battelion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection military operations against the unemy on 16 December 1944, in Belgium. Batered military service from Pennsylvania.

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Staff Sergeant Lacey O. Taylor, 6 277 895, Field Artillery, 820th Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 16 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Sergeant William M. Lynch, 32 679 338, Field Artillery, 820th Tank
Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with
military operations against the enemy on 20 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered
military service from New York.

Corporal Anthony A. Banish, 36 556 496, Field Artillery, 820th Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 16 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from Michigan.

Technician Fifth Grade Edwin H. Hartman, 36 560 453, Field Artillery, 820th Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 16 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private First Class <u>Russell J. DeNio</u>, 36 416 950, Field Artillery, 820th Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 20 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from Michigan,

Private First Class <u>Carl W. Goodwin</u>, 34 734 791, Field Artillery, 820th Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 18 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from Tennessee.

Private First Class <u>Wilbur Stein</u>, Jr, 39 411 542, Medical Corps, 820th Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 17 December 1944, in Belgium. Entered military service from California.

Private First Class Thomas W. Vice, (then Private), 36 557 766, Field Artillery, 820th Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 18 December 1944, in Belgium.

By command of Brigadier General PERRIN:

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