HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES ARMY VIETNAM APO San Francisco 96307

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GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 4742

AWARD OF The BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR HEROISM

1.TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

ARCHULETTA RAY ASTAFF SERGEANT E-6 UnitedStates ArmyCoB, 2d Bn (Abn), 502d Inf, 1st Bde, 101st abn Div, APO 96347

Awarded: Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device Date 26 Mar 1966

action: 20 Mar 1900

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason:

For heroism in connection with military operations against a hostile force Staff Sergeant Archuletta distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous actions on 26 March 1966 while serving as a scout team leader during a search and destroy mission near Tuy Hoa, Republic of Vietnam. As his four man scout team traveled along a dark trail, Staff Sergeant Archuletta detected a Viet Cong moving in the dense jungle. He immediately moved to the front of his patrol, charged the insurgent, and killed him, Moments after this initial contact, three men were pinned down by intense hostile fire. With complete disregard for his safety, Staff Sergeant Archuletta charged forward and killed two more Viet Cong before he was seriously wounded himself. Through his courage arid determination he contributed immeasurably to the success of the mission, Staff Sergeant Arcbuletta's personal bravery and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest

traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army.

Authority: By direction of the President under the provisions of Executive Order 11046, 24 August 1962.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

RICHARD J. SEITZ Brigadier General, US Army Chief of Staff

OFFICIAL:

L. T HARTIS Colonel, AGC Adjutant General