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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR  
(FIRST OAK LEAF CLUSTER)

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced posthumously.

ARCHULETTA, RAY A. , STAFF SERGEANT E6, United States Army,  
 Company B, 2nd Battalion (Airborne), 502nd Infantry, 1st Brigade, 101st  
 Airborne Division APO 96347

Awarded: Silver Star (1st Oak Leaf Cluster)

Date action: 25 August 1967

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For gallantry in action against a hostile enemy on 25 August 1967 near Duc Pho, Republic of Vietnam. While conducting a search and destroy mission, the point squad and platoon leader of Staff Sergeant Archuletta's platoon began receiving heavy enemy automatic weapons fire and were pinned down in an exposed rice paddy. Observing this, Sergeant Archuletta repeatedly exposed himself to the hail of enemy fire in order to properly position his men and direct their firepower. Seeing that the machinegunner and assistant machinegunner of the pinned down squad had both been wounded, Sergeant Archuletta, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, rushed forward through the heavy enemy automatic weapons fire to the machinegun position. After insuring that the wounded troopers were given proper medical attention and had been moved back to a safe position, he manned the machinegun and put out a heavy volume of firepower until running out of ammunition. Knowing that the machinegun was drastically needed in order to obtain superior fire power, Sergeant Archuletta fired his own rifle as he maneuvered from position to position in order to gather additional ammunition. After gathering the desperately needed ammunition, Sergeant Archuletta again opened up with the machinegun and was instrumental in saving one troopers life and repelling the vicious enemy assault. Staff Sergeant Archuletta's outstanding display of gallantry and his devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, the Americal Division, and the United States Army.

Authority: By direction of the President under the provisions of the Act of Congress, approved 9 July 1918.