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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR  
(SECOND) OAK LEAF CLUSTER)

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

ARCHULETTA, RAY A. , SERGEANT FIRST CLASS (then SSG E-6) USA  
Company B, 2nd Battalion (Airborne), 502nd Infantry, 1st Brigade, 101st  
Airborne Division

Awarded: Silver Star (2nd Oak Leaf Cluster)

Date of action: 7 September 1967

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For gallantry in action against a hostile force on 7 September 1967 near Duc Pho, Republic of Vietnam. Staff Sergeant Archuletta distinguished himself as his platoon was moving a wounded man to a landing zone to be extracted when they were suddenly brought under a tremendous volume of enemy automatic weapons fire. Seeing his machinegunner wounded. Sergeant Archuletta ordered his evacuation while he rushed forward with complete disregard for his own safety and in spite of the enemy fire to provide covering fire. As the wounded man was too heavy to be carried by the medic, Sergeant Archuletta again moved through the fire and haired carry him to the safety of a nearby wood line position... Nearing the wood line, Sergeant Archuletta was seriously wounded and in one last valiant effort he ordered the medic to take the wounded man to safety as he stayed behind and expended his ammunition to provide the covering fire. The outstanding gallantry, devotion to his fellow soldier, and his intense dedication to duty displayed by Staff Sergeant Archuletta were in keeping with the finest 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.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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