

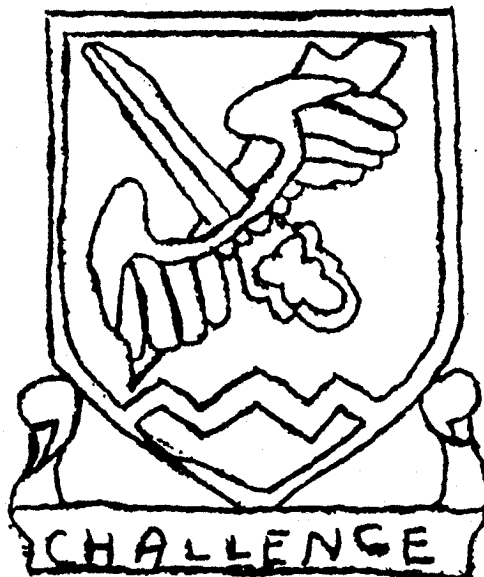
The 158th AVIATION BATTALION (ASLT HEL)  
COAT of ARMS Granted 12 Mar, 1969

DESCRIPTION

The distinctive insignia consists of the shield and motto of the Coat of Arms described as follows: A silver color metal and enamel shield and scroll 1-1/8 inches in height blazoned: Azure a base indented or, on the first a lightning flash point to base of the last and a winged sword of the second and for quillons a pair of wings saltirewise. Attached below the shield a silver color metal scroll inscribed "CHALLENGE" in black enamel letters.

SYMBOLISM

The sword represents the effective power of the Battalion's aerial weapons and the might of the organic fire support. The quillons (cross guard) composed of wings refer to the basic aviation mission of the unit. The eagle wings also allude to the Battalion's organic assignment to the 101st Airborne Division. The speed and shock effect, characteristic of air assault operations, is indicated by the lightning flash. The peaks formed by the indented base refer to the mountainous area of Fort Carson Colorado where the organization was activated. The one sword blade, five-segmented hilt, and cross guard containing eight primary feathers allude to the numerical designation of the battalion.



## MISSION

The mission of the 158th Aviation Battalion (ASLT HEL) is twofold:

1. To provide tactical mobility for combat troops, supplies, and equipment of the 101st Airborne Division (AMEL) during the conduct of combat and combat support operations.
2. To provide security for airmobile forces and to participate in offensive, defensive, and delaying actions as part of a highly mobile combined arms team.

1UC(2 GLC)	MUC	VnCG (Palm)
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These decorations are pictured as worn above the right breast pocket by all members of the 155th Aviation Battalion. Foreign service awards are authorized for wear only by those individuals assigned to the unit at time of award.

ENCLOSURE 7

LIST OF BATTALION COMMANDERS

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COMMANDERS  
158TH AVIATION BATTALION  
101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION

MAJ Maurice Dougherty	25 July 1968 - 30 September 1968
LTC Peter C. Withers	1 October 1968 - 10 August 1969
LTC Joseph H. Kastner	11 August 1969 - 24 January 1970
LTC George N. Stenehjem	25 January 1970 - 30 June 1970
LTC Robert J. Gerard	1 July 1970 - 26 January 1971
LTC William M. Peachey	27 January 1971 - 19 March 1971
LTC Robert A. Phillips	21 March 1971 - 11 August 1971
LTC Stephen E. Featherstone	12 August 1971 - 21 December 1971
MAJ William A. Bartlett	24 January 1972 - 1 June 1972
LTC Joseph A. Koehnke	2 June 1972 - December 1973
LTC William B. Bonnett	December 1973 - June 1975
LTC John A. G. Klose	June 1975 - December 1976
LTC Norman M. Bissel	December 1976 - present

This list is current to 22 April 1977. It was prepared by the Museum Aide, SP4 Zachery F. Hanner, under the supervision of the Division/Post Historian. Acting Commanders were not listed, except when the period of command exceeded one month.

Division/Post Historian