



The 164th Infantry Division was sent to Crete to help consolidate and garrison the island after the successful German airborne assault. As the demands for more troops in North Africa became more desperate, the division was split into a small fortress division and a mobile Light Division. The new 164th Light Division was sent to North Africa to join Rommel's army. The division began arriving at the end of the summer and was deployed just in time to take part in the Battle of El Alamein. Deployed near the northern part of the line, the 164th was heavily engaged for most of the battle. The division was well spent by the end of the battle and suffered additional losses during the retreat afterwards. The 164th was then sent to Tunisia to rebuild but never did so due to a lack of resources. The remnants of the division were destroyed in the fight for Tunisia.