

- actions; dissolved after the June 1940 Armistice
- [# 16 to 20 not used]
- 21st Zouave Regt** - Formed in late 1939; was an indep unit in Algeria and then Morocco; in 1940 was with 3 Moroccan ID; saw no actions; dissolved after the June 1940 Armistice
- 22nd Zouave Regt** - Formed in late 1939; was with 180 ID in Algeria, saw no actions; dissolved after the June 1940 Armistice
- 23rd Zouave Regt** - Formed in late 1939; was with 183 ID in Algeria, saw no actions; dissolved after the June 1940 Armistice
- [# 24 to 28 not used]
- 29th Zouave Regt** - Formed in late 1939; was with 181 ID in Algeria, saw no actions; dissolved after the June 1940 Armistice

H. AFRICA LIGHT INFANTRY BATTALIONS

Like the Zouaves, these were European units permanently stationed in North Africa. They were an odd lot. About half of the personnel were the dregs of the French prison system (including a large contingent of pimps); the others were hard-bitten soldiers of fortune, "the sort of lunatics for whom the Foreign Legion was not exciting or brutal enough." The units were less glamorous than the Zouaves, but contained more vicious fighters.

-1st Africa Light Infantry Battalion [1832-1940]

Formed in June 1832; peacetime HQ was in Algeria through 1918 (in 1914 at Marnia in the Oran District); in 1939 was at Tunis; dissolved after the June 1940 Armistice

Actions

- **Algeria:** Various actions from 1833 through 1870, including the capture of Constantine in 1837
- **1870-71:** Sent 2 comps to France under the Africa Light Marche Regt
- **1881-82:** Algerian actions
- **1892-93:** Sent 1 comp to Dahomey
- **1907-18:** Conquest & occupation of Morocco
- **1914:** In Aug, HQ was at Marnia, but most of Bn was in Morocco
- **1914-18:** Bn stayed in Morocco, but sent troops to France as the "1st Lt Africa Marche Bn"; in 45 ID, 11/14-11/18 - Ypres 1915, Verdun, Somme, Monts, II Picardie (Avre), III Aisne, IV Champagne, II Marne, Hindenburg Line, Serre River
- **1939-40:** In Tunisia garrison; was on the Mareth Line during the brief campaign against the Italians in 6/40