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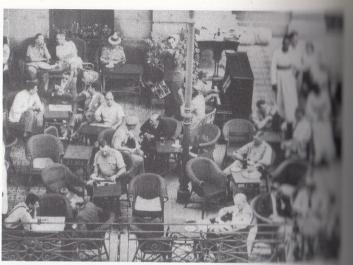




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11 The desert road (Imperial War Museum)





12 Above: The terrace of Shepheard's Hotel (*Helen Long*, Change into Uniform)

14 Opposite Management (Helen Long, Character)



