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(Imperial War Museum)



10 Sewing up  
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9 A squadron of Cruiser Mk I tanks passing through  
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11 The desert road  
(Imperial War Museum)





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

14 Opposite: Shepherd's Hotel  
(Helen Long, Change into Uniform)

13 A garden party at the British  
(Helen Long, Change into Uniform)

