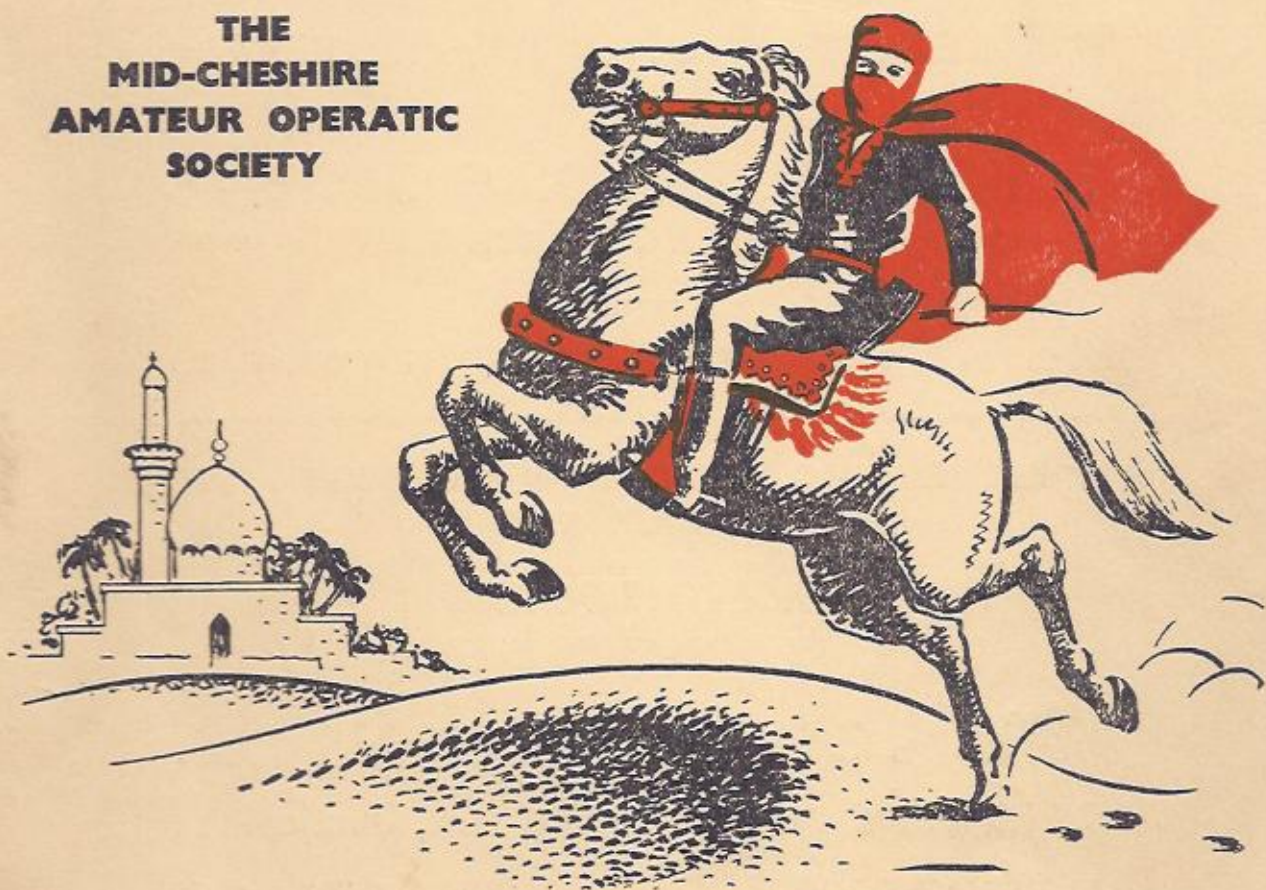


# The **DESERT SONG**

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# THE DESI

A Musical Play in Two Acts

Costumes by S. B. WATTS

Margot's Riding Habit by Moss Bros.

by arrangement with

Books and

OTTO HARBACH, OSCAR HAM

## — THE

SID EL KAR, the Red Shadow's Lieutenant ... ..	GERRARD CONEELY
HADJI, a Riff Farmer ... ..	JAMES DAKIN
NERI, Hadji's wife ... ..	MARGARET CROSS
BENJAMIN KIDD, Society Correspondent of Paris Daily Mail ...	CYRIL AINSWORTH
CAPTAIN PAUL FONTAINE, of the French Foreign Legion ...	DAVID BOYLE
MARGOT BONVALET, Guest of General Birabeau ... ..	PHYLLIS NESLING
GENERAL BIRABEAU, Govenor of Moroccan Province ... ..	ARTHUR SCOTT
PIERRE BIRABEAU, his only Son—the Red Shadow ... ..	PETER BARNES
SUSAN, his Ward ... ..	BRENDA WHITLOW
Edith, her Friend ... ..	ENYS WILLIAMS
AZURI, Ben Ali's Favourite ... ..	HELEN WHITEHURST
ALI BEN ALI, Caid of a Riff Tribe ... ..	SAM CROSS
CLEMENTINA, a Spanish "Lady" ... ..	MARY MITCHELL
MINDAR, Leading Members of the Red Shadow's Band ... ..	ARTHUR GUDGER
HASSI, ... ..	EDDIE BURDON
LIEUTENANT LA VERGNE, } of the French Foreign Legion ...	ARTHUR E. THAIR
SERGEANT DE BOUSSAC, } ... ..	CYRIL WHALLEY

CHORUS OF RIFFS, FRENCH SOLDIERS, SPANISH  
GIRLS, DANCERS, SOLDIER'S WIVES etc., etc.

Producer — ERIC JONES

Musical Director — RON YARWOOD

Dancing arranged by — JOYCE SWINDELLS

### SYNOPSIS OF SCENES

#### ACT I

SCENE 1 .....	Retreat of the Red Shadow in the Riff Mountains
SCENE 2 .....	Outside General Birabeau's House
SCENE 3 .....	A Room in General Birabeau's House

#### ACT II

SCENE 1 .....	The Harem of Ali Ben Ali
SCENE 2 .....	A Corridor
SCENE 3 .....	The Room of the Silken Couch
SCENE 4 .....	The Edge of the Desert
SCENE 5 .....	Courtyard of General Birabeau's House

Locale : Morocco, Northern Africa

Period : 1925



# ERT SONG

Samuel French Ltd.

Music by SIGMOND ROMBERG

Lyrics by  
MERSTEIN II and FRANK MANDEL

Scenery : Scenic Displays Ltd.

## CAST -

### LADIES OF THE CHORUS

Joan Bell  
Thelma Burrow  
Margaret Cross  
Margaret Clarke  
Norah Finney  
Pat Farley  
Freda Humphries  
Betty Nancollas  
Maureen Harrison  
Doris Jones

Eileen Merrill  
Dorothy Oakes  
Hazel Pendry  
May Packer  
Ruth Rutter  
Valerie Rice  
Jennifer Robinson  
Irene Taplin  
Janet Whitworth  
Enys Williams

Joan Burgess  
Pat Davenport  
Anne Ford  
Angela Furber  
Elizabeth Gill  
Freda Hulse  
Jessie Harper

### DANCERS

Barbara Harrison  
Margaret Harrison  
Christine Turton  
Anne Whitehurst  
Audrey Whitlow  
Cynthia Williams  
Betty Yates

### GENTLEMEN OF THE CHORUS

Ernest Seaman  
Alf Carter  
Harry Davenport  
James Dakin  
Percy Eyes  
Arthur Gudger

Geoff Swann  
Karl Guttman  
John Hale  
Brian Harper  
Renold Pendry

Arthur Thair  
William Twigg  
Cyril Whalley  
Bryan Whitby  
Tom Jones

### MUSICAL NUMBERS

#### ACT I

"Drinking Song" .....	SID EL KAR AND CHORUS
"The Riff Song" .....	RED SHADOW AND CHORUS
"Margot" .....	PAUL AND CHORUS OF SOLDIERS
"I'll be a Buoyant Girl" .....	SUSAN
"Why did we marry Soldiers" .....	CHORUS
"French Military Marching Song" .....	MARGOT AND CHORUS
"Romance" .....	MARGOT AND CHORUS
"My Passion" .....	PIERRE, MARGOT AND CHORUS
"I want a Kiss" .....	PAUL, MARGOT, PIERRE AND CHORUS
"It" .....	SUSAN AND BENNY
"The Desert Song" .....	MARGOT AND RED SHADOW
Final Act I .....	THE COMPANY

#### ACT II

"My little Castagnette" .....	CLEMENTINA AND CHORUS
"Song of the Brass Key" .....	CLEMENTINA AND CHORUS
"One Good Boy gone wrong" .....	CLEMENTINA AND BENNY
Eastern and Western Love (a) "Let Love Come" .....	ALI BEN ALI
(b) "One Flower" .....	SID EL KAR
(c) "One Alone" .....	RED SHADOW AND CHORUS
"The Sabre Song" .....	MARGOT AND RED SHADOW
Reprise of "The Desert Song" .....	MARGOT AND RED SHADOW
Reprise of "One Alone" .....	RED SHADOW AND CHORUS
"All Hail to the General" .....	CHORUS
"I want a Kiss" .....	PAUL
"The Desert Song" .....	MARGOT AND CHORUS
"It" .....	SUSAN, BENNY AND CHORUS
Finale Act II .....	THE COMPANY