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Title: **Carry On Up The KHYBER**



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## Information

Release **Title:** Carry On Up The Khyber 29<sup>th</sup> November 1968  
(United Kingdom)

From:

AKA: Also known as: Carry On... Up the Khyber or The British  
Position in India

Release date: United States 12<sup>th</sup> December 1968

Origin: United Kingdom

Genres: Adventure, Comedy

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Certification: A PG

Duration: 1h 28m

Region Code:

Region: 2

Product Code:

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EAN:

UPC:

Languages: English

Filming locations: Pass of Llanberis, Snowdonia, Gwynedd, Wales, UK (Khyber Pass)

Sound mix: Mono

Colour: PAL

Aspect Ratio: 1.66:1

Carry On Up the Khyber	
Original UK quad poster by Renato Fratini	
Directed by	Gerald Thomas
Written by	Talbot Rothwell
Produced by	Peter Rogers
Starring	Sid James Kenneth Williams Charles Hawtrey Roy Castle Joan Sims Angela Douglas Terry Scott Bernard Bresslaw Peter Butterworth
Cinematography	Ernest Steward
Edited by	Alfred Roome
Music by	Eric Rogers
Distributed by	The Rank Organisation
Release date	28 November 1968
Running time	88 minutes <sup>[1][2]</sup>
Country	United Kingdom
Language	English
Budget	£235,637 <sup>[3]</sup>

## Storyline

Sir Sidney Ruff-Diamond (Sid James) is Queen Victoria's Governor in the Indian province of Kalabar near the Khyber Pass. The province is defended by the feared 3rd Foot and Mouth Regiment, who are said to not wear anything under their kilts. When a soldier, the inept Private Widdle (Charles Hawtrey), is found wearing underpants after an encounter with the warlord Bungdit Din (Bernard Bresslaw), chief of the warlike Burpa tribe, the Khasi of Kalabar (Kenneth Williams) plans to use this information to incite a rebellion in Kalabar. He aims to dispel the "tough" image of the Devils in Skirts by revealing that, contrary to popular belief, they actually wear underpants underneath their kilts.

A diplomatic operation ensues on the part of the British, who fail to publicly prove that the incident was an aberration. The Governor's wife (Joan Sims), in the hope of luring the Khasi into bed with her, takes a photograph of an inspection in which many of the soldiers present are found wearing underpants, and takes it to him. With this hard evidence in hand, the Khasi would be able to muster a ferocious Afghan invasion force, storm the Khyber Pass and capture India from the British; but Lady Ruff-Diamond insists that he sleep with her before she parts with the photograph. He delays on account of her unattractiveness, eventually taking her away with him to Bungdit Din's palace. Meanwhile, the Khasi's daughter, Princess Jelhi (Angela Douglas), reveals to the British Captain Keene (Roy Castle), with whom she has fallen in love, that the Governor's wife has eloped, and a team is dispatched to ensure the return of both her and the photograph.

Disguised as Afghan generals, the interlopers are brought into the palace and, at the Khasi's suggestion, are introduced to Bungdit Din's sultry concubines. Whilst enjoying the women in the harem, they are unmasked amid a farcical orgy, imprisoned, and scheduled to be executed at sunset alongside the Governor's wife. Princess Jelhi aids their escape by disguising them as dancing girls, but during the entertaining of the Afghan generals, the Khasi, contemptuous of an annoying fakir's performance, demands that he see the dancing girls instead. After their disguises are seen through, the British and the Princess flee, but Lady Ruff-Diamond drops the photograph on leaving the palace through the gardens. The group returns to the Khyber Pass to find its guards massacred and their weapons comically mutilated, in a rare (albeit tainted) moment of poignancy.

All attempts to hold off the advancing Afghan invaders fail miserably, and a hasty retreat is beaten to the Residency. The Governor, meanwhile, has been entertaining, in numerical order, the Khasi's fifty-one wives, each one of them wishing to "right the wrong" that his own wife and the Khasi himself have supposedly committed against him. After a browbeating from his wife, Sir Sidney calls a crisis meeting regarding the invasion, in which he resolves to "do nothing". A black-tie dinner is arranged for that evening. Dinner takes place during a prolonged penultimate scene, with contrapuntal snippets of the Khasi's army demolishing the Residency's exterior, and the officers and ladies ignoring the devastation as they dine amongst themselves. Shells shaking the building and plaster falling into the soup do not interrupt dinner, even when the fakir's severed - but still talking - head is served, courtesy of the Khasi.

Only Brother Belcher fails to display a stiff upper lip, and breaks his calm by panicking. Finally, at Captain Keene's suggestion, the gentlemen walk outside to be greeted by a bloody battle being waged in the courtyard. Still dressed in black tie, Sir Sidney orders the Regiment to form a line and lift their kilts, this time exposing their (implied) lack of underwear. The invading Afghan army is terrified, and retreats at once. The gentlemen walk back inside to resume dinner, whilst Brother Belcher notices the Union flag flown by the governor bearing the slogan, I'm Backing Britain and calls them "raving mad". <sup>Wiki</sup>

## Cast

Sid James as Sir Sidney Ruff-Diamond  
Kenneth Williams as The Khasi of Kalabar  
Charles Hawtrey as Private James Widdle  
Roy Castle as Captain Keene  
Joan Sims as Lady Joan Ruff-Diamond  
Bernard Bresslaw as Bungdit Din  
Peter Butterworth as Brother Belcher  
Terry Scott as Sergeant Major MacNutt  
Angela Douglas as Princess Jelhi

Cardew Robinson as The Fakir  
 Peter Gilmore as Private Ginger Hale  
 Julian Holloway as Major Shorthouse  
 Leon Thau as Stinghi  
 Michael Mellinger as Chindi  
 Wanda Ventham as The Khasi's First Wife  
 Alexandra Dane as Busti



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 Can he rely on the help of the wayward Brother Belcher (Peter Butterworth), and prevent the secret concerning the 3rd Foot & Mouth Regiment from becoming common knowledge among the natives?  
 All will be revealed in this masterly tale of passion, greed and missing underpants set in the raging days of the Raj.

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 General viewing, but some scenes may be unsuitable for young children

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Length: 85 Min. Aspect: Colour Aspect Ratio: 4:3 Letterbox Audio: English, Hindi



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**Certification**

Australia:M Australia:A (original rating) France:Tous publics Germany:0 (DVD rating) Iceland:L India:A Ireland:PG (DVD rating) Italy:T Norway:12 United Kingdom:PG (DVD rating) United Kingdom:A (original rating, passed with cuts) United Kingdom:PG (tv rating) United Kingdom:PG (2003, video rating) United States:Not Rated

**Sex & Nudity** -Mild, Violence & Gore - None, Profanity - Mild, Alcohol, Drugs & Smoking - Mild , Frightening & Intense Scenes - None,







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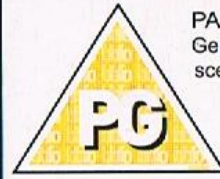
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