

Bible Sunday

Danger UXB

Based on the Danger UXB boards placed in streets during the war when Unexploded Bombs were being dealt with.

Props: Briefcase with large Bible inside; 'Danger UXB' A-Board, Pliers and stethoscope for officer

Cast: 2 soldiers (1 x officer, 1 x soldier).

Opening

Stage is clear, except for briefcase in centre.

Soldier approaches case cautiously, keeps distance and puts up Danger UXB notice.

Soldier: 'OK Sir, It's all ready for you now.'

Officer: Crawls towards case on stomach; Slowly gets out stethoscope; listens to case. Works on locks with pliers. Can take time to do this and increase the drama.

Soldier (from side) 'How's it going sir?'

Officer 'It's ok Smith. Think I've handled one like this before. Just mustn't move it. Keep quiet now.'

Officer Continues to work with pliers on lock for a bit. Then tentatively opens each lock. Lifts the lid very slowly. Looks in. Stays steady for a while, lifted up on elbows searching case.

Suddenly jumps up (Do it quickly for effect). Grabs the Bible as he does so.

Officer: 'It's not a bomb Smith. Not a bomb at all. It's an UNEXPLORED BIBLE! UXB!'

Smith 'What's that then sir?'

Officer 'Very dangerous, Smith. Very dangerous indeed'

Both freeze for a moment, then off

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