

Edward Porter Pence's Bible, ca. 1917



This Bible carried by Edward Porter Pence, of Wolfe County, Kentucky, contains the remnants of a pressed flower picked from the area between opposing trenches known as "no man's land." Pence, a corporal in the First Pioneer Infantry Regiment, served overseas from July 8, 1918, to July 7, 1919. During this period, Pence earned several battle clasps including Aisne-Marne, Oise-Aisne, Meuse-Argonne, and the Defensive Sector. Pence was honorably discharged on July 16, 1919.

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