

POST CODE: B63 2UL **ADDRESS:** Churchyard, St Peter's Church, Church Road, Cradley

GPS Location: [1] N 52.46392653 W. -2.08884077 [2] N. 52.46427214 W. -2.08752007

Memorial Locations: [1] Sect E, Row 4, No 59: [2] Sect J, Row 9, No 117



BACHE, NORMAN HAROLD

Private, Corps of Military Police, Number 5054755. Killed in Action on 26.12 1944

Unusually Norman Harold Bache has 2 memorial inscriptions in St Peter's churchyard.

Norman was married to Gorgina Bache and they had a son also called Norman. He served with the Corps of Military Police and in late December 1944 was billeted with the Van Dun family in Eindhoven, Holland. It was a harsh winter with the allies advancing slowly when the Germans launched Operation Bodenplatte against allied air bases during the Battle of the Bulge.

On Boxing Day, 26th December 1944 Norman left his billet as usual to go to work when he was strafed by a lone German aeroplane and was killed.

Norman is buried at Eindhoven General Cemetery

A memorial to Norman is placed on the grave of his parents in Section E of St Peter's churchyard and a second inscription added to the headstone of his sister Doris and her husband in Section J of the churchyard