

WILLIAM ALFRED GREENING

**Private
4034694**

**1st Battalion
King's Shropshire Light Infantry**

**died on
Saturday 4th March 1944
aged 25**

WILLIAM ALFRED GREENING
is buried in
BEACH HEAD WAR CEMETERY, ANZIO
Italy

***Additional information in the
Commonwealth War Graves Commission Register***

Son of George and Annie Elizabeth Greening, of Ledbury, Herefordshire.

On 3 September 1943 the Allies invaded the Italian mainland, the invasion coinciding with an armistice made with the Italians who then re-entered the war on the Allied side. Progress through southern Italy was rapid despite stiff resistance, but by the end of October, the Allies were facing the German winter defensive position known as the Gustav Line, which stretched from the river Garigliano in the west to the Sangro in the east. Initial attempts to breach the western end of the line were unsuccessful. Operations in January 1944 landed troops behind the German lines at Anzio, but defences were well organised, and a breakthrough was not actually achieved until May. The site of the cemetery originally lay close to a casualty clearing station. Beach Head War Cemetery contains 2,316 Commonwealth burials of the Second World War..

William Greening is buried in Plot VI. Row B. Grave 9.

