Surname	Hitch
Forename(s)	George Stewart
Initials	G S
Age	27
Honours/Awards	
Date died	09/11/1918
Rank	Lieutenant
Regiment	Royal Air Force
Unit/Squadron	
Service Number	
Cemetery/Memorial	Wallasey (Rake Lane) Cemetery
Grave Reference	5. C. of E. 315.
Further Information	Son of Albert and Mary Ada Hitch, of "Grasmere," Aspley Guise, Beds. Born In London.

Chronicle News

Wallasey Officer Brothers

Lieut. George Stuart Hitch, 5th King's Liverpool (attached to R.A.F.), third son of Mr and Mrs Albert Hitch, of 'Algoma', Grove Road, Wallasey, died Saturday last of pneumonia. He had latterly been undergoing training as a pilot in the R.A.F., and was home on leave from the aerodrome at Ramsey, Hants, on account of the epidemic of influenza there. Lieut. Hitch was unwell when he arrived home, and went straight to bed, where he developed the malady which terminated fatally on Saturday last. The deceased officer was educated at Liscard High School and Elstow School, Bedford. He went to Canada in April 1917, and there served for some years with the Cameron Highlanders. On the outbreak of war, when it was decided that this unit would not accompany the first Canadian contingent for England, he joined the R.A.M.C., which was the only remaining unit with vacancies. Proceeding to France in February, 1915, he served as a stretcher-bearer through several important engagements, including the second battle of Ypres. He obtained a commission in the 5th King's Liverpool Regiment, in August 1916, joining that battalion in France two months later. In May, 1917, whilst engaged in his work as battalion sniping officer, he was wounded in the face by a bullet from an enemy sniper. From the time of recovery until his transfer to the R.A.F. he had been engaged on instructional work in England. His brother, Captain Edward Gordon Hitch, of the R.F.A., was wounded in France on the 7th inst., and is now in hospital in Manchester making good progress towards recovery.

References and Acknowledgments

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