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## Daniel Sullivan

When Courtmacsherry and Barryroe History Group compiled the list of servicemen from the parish of Barryroe who died in service during World War One, Daniel Sullivan from Bellinluhig was the only one of the twenty-nine commemorated who had died while serving with the American forces. Daniel Sullivan was born on January 1, 1894, son of William and Mary Sullivan, nee Kirby, Bellinluhig, Butlerstown.

He had six siblings, Willie, Margaret, Julia, Patrick, Michael, and John. Rather unusually for a large family, Daniel was the only one of the six Sullivans to emigrate. It has not been possible to identify Daniel Sullivan on passenger lists of Irish migrants to the U.S. but it is likely to have occurred after he reached the age of sixteen in 1909.

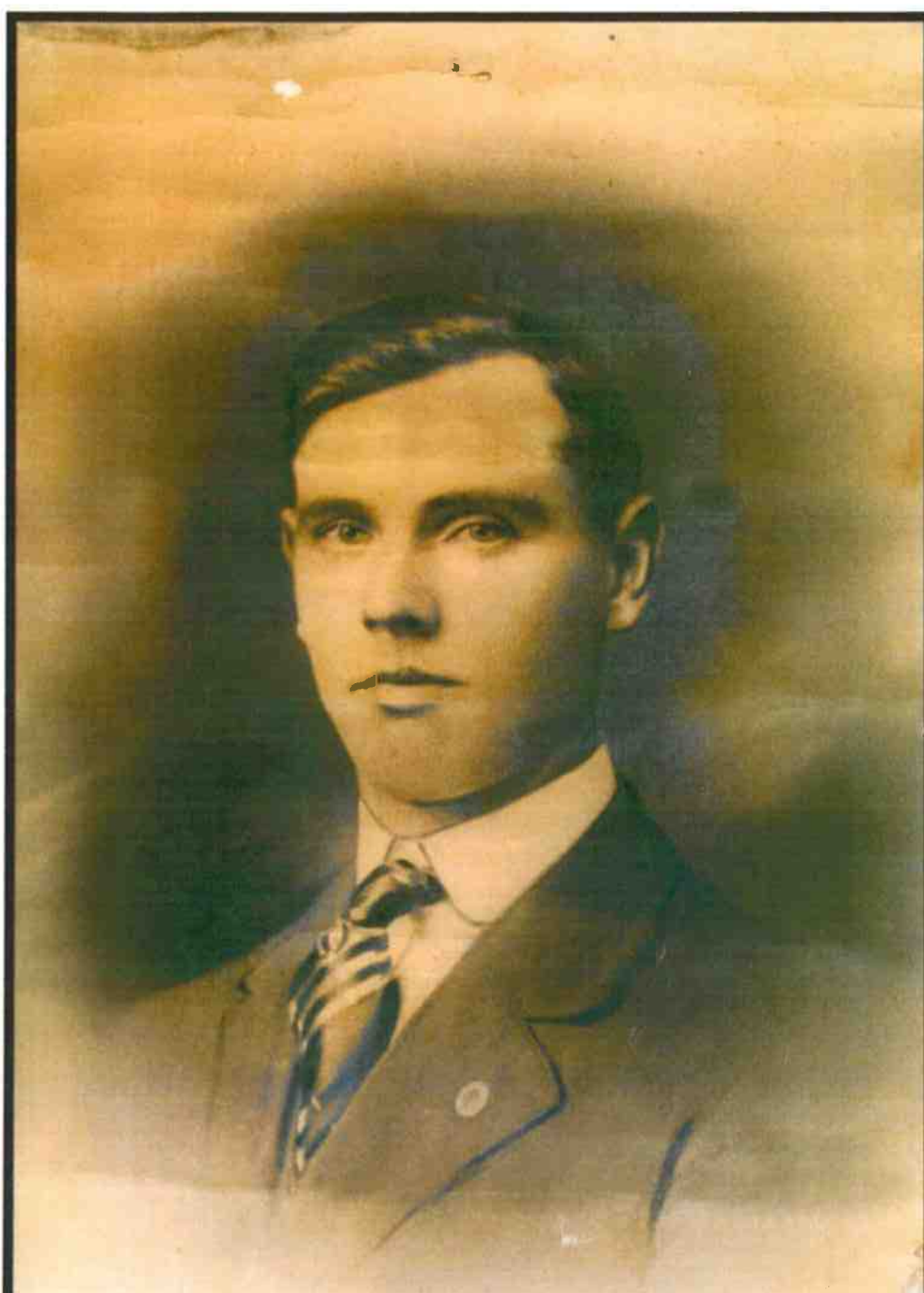
When Daniel Sullivan emigrated, while there were political tensions in Europe, he could not have imagined the turn his life would take and that the United States would become a participant in a war that would engulf the world and that he would be conscripted to serve in the army of the country to which he sailed with such hope for a life more prosperous than Ireland could offer him. Notwithstanding these details about his early life, Daniel Sullivan's closest relative, Mary Fleming, daughter of his brother Patrick, had little detail about his life in America, service in the army, and the circumstances of his death. Persistent enquiries have now uncovered answers to some of these questions.

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Daniel Sullivan

Daniel settled in the Pittsburgh area of Pennsylvania. His army records state that his home address at the time of enlistment was 10, 9<sup>th</sup> Street Brodbeck Pennsylvania. It is interesting that he gave his birth date August 4, 1894, while his birth certificate gives his date of birth January 1, 1894. This inaccuracy would not have been uncommon among people born at this time. Birthdays were not celebrated as they are nowadays.

In Ireland, conscription was to prove such a controversial measure that it further destabilised the volatile political situation and, as a result, the government in Westminster decided to exempt men living in Ireland from the measure.



DANIEL SULLIVAN  
RANK PRIVATE  
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE  
SON OF WILLIAM & MARY SULLIVAN BALLINLUIG  
DIED IN FRANCE 1918 AGE 25.