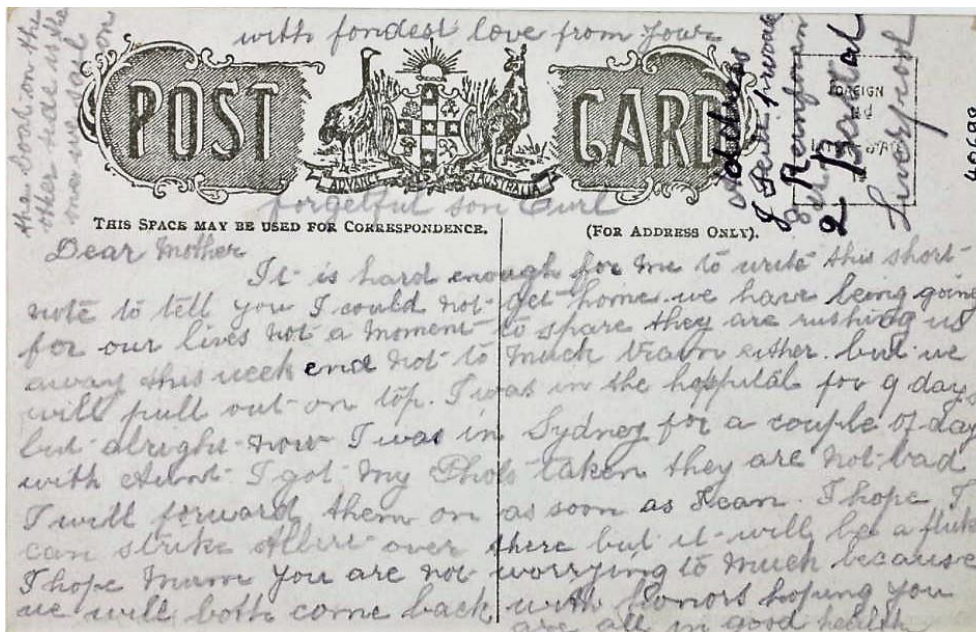
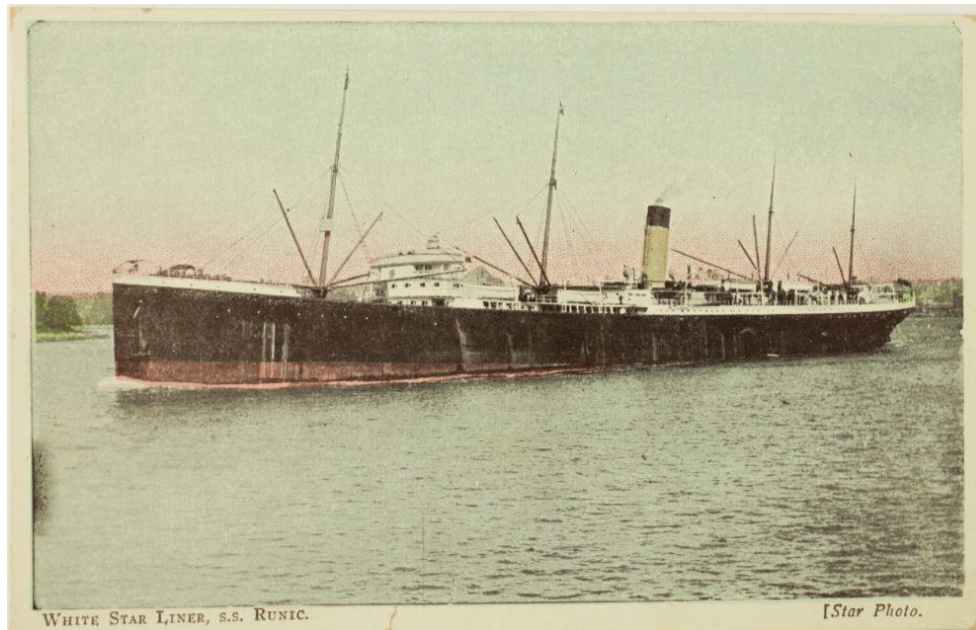


POST CARD HOME  
2662 Private John Peile



Colour illustration of the White Star Line ship 'Runic' at sea and was signed by 'Curl.' 'Curl' seems to be the nickname of John Peile as the return address lists his name and regiment. He writes to his mother around August to September 1915 that he and his brother Albert will 'both come back with honors'. Tragically they were both killed in action.

Younger brother Albert enlisted first. He was a 22-year-old unmarried clerk when he enlisted on 27 August 1914, service number 769, 3rd Battalion. He served in Gallipoli and later France and was eventually promoted to the rank of corporal. He died in Bullecourt, France on 4 May 1917; his body was never found. He is commemorated at the Villers-Bretonneux Memorial. His brother John Peile was a 38-year-old unmarried miner when he enlisted on 25 June 1915, service number 2662, 2nd Battalion. He also served in Gallipoli and France and was similarly promoted to corporal. He died in France on 18 September 1918 and is buried at Roisel Communal Cemetery Extension, France. Their mother died only a few years later in 1926, aged 73.

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