

**LONGMORE, CAPT. CYRIL (1887-1964)**

Cyril Longmore was born in Victoria in 1887. He came to Western Australia in 1905. In his life time he was a journalist, a soldier a prospector and the author of four books, "Eggs-a-Cook" the story of the 44th. Battalion (1921); "The Old Sixteenth (1929); "Carry on" and an unpublished work "Breathes there a man" - Longmore's ideas about setting up an independent republic for Aborigines (1929).

He joined the army before the Great War and was in the Australian Army Instructional Corps. He served during the Great War and remained in the army afterwards. He was awarded the Croix de Guerre (France) and the Order of Leopold (Belgium). He rose to the rank of Captain.

In 1923 he was employed by the Department of Mines and lead the Third State Prospecting Party in search of gold in the Lake Barlee area.

In 1931 he joined the staff of the West Australian as a journalist. In 1940 he was transferred to the Western Mail as editor. During World War II he became a war correspondent with the Department of Information and served in the North-West. He became very involved with the defence forces there, training a small company of Aborigines for war service.

He was a President of the R.S.L. and a member of their State Executive. He was also President of the W.A. District of the Australian Journalist's Association from 1956-1962.

He was married and had one son Cyril. In 1941 he was living in Hobbs Avenue in Nedlands, with his wife Gertrude Margaret. He died on 22 September 1964 in the Repatriation General Hospital, Hollywood.

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REQUEST USING THIS NUMBER	DATE RANGE	DESCRIPTION
<b>ACC</b>		ACCOUNT BOOKS
ACC 1298A/27/1		19 June 1923 - 5 December 1923 Third State Prospecting Party
		ARTICLES
		<i>All articles by Cyril Longmore</i>
ACC 1298A/40/20	[1942]	The Anzac Spirit. North Westers full of fight - Guerrilla organisation needed. (by our special correspondent - C. Longmore).
ACC 1298A/40/21	[1942]	Outpost leader. The old spirit typified. (About Capt. Albert Russeau)
ACC 1298A/40/22	[1942]	The North West. The state's battleground. New problems for commanders
ACC 1298A/41/8	[n.d.]	Binghi as a trooper by G. D. Mitchell Broome today by C. Longmore Government neglect by C. Longmore symbol of tragedy: Broome's deserted homes by C. Longmore
		CAREER INFORMATION
ACC 1298A/6/2	January 1914	Military Examination Results.
		CERTIFICATES
ACC 1298A/23/1-7	17 October 1901 - 26 September 1919	Certificates of education, military achievements and certificate of discharge (1919)
ACC 1298A/43/1-4	10 March - 15 September 1942	Certificate of authority issued to Capt. C. Longmore by the West Australian - bears his photograph.
		CHEQUE BOOKS
ACC 1298A/27/2	20 June - 5 December 1923	Third State Prospecting Party.
		CORRESPONDENCE
ACC 1298A/4	26 April 1917 - 11 October 1920	Letters from France; from or to C. Longmore.
ACC 1298A/7	16 November 1917 - 13 May 1919	Regarding the Belgian Croix de Guerre awarded to Capt. C. Longmore for conspicuous service.
ACC 1298A/25/1	16 June 1923	Letter appointing C. Longmore leader of the Third State Prospecting Party (Mines Dept.). Also his application.
ACC 1298A/27/3	18 June - 14 November 1923	Correspondence, accounts and receipts for the Third State Prospecting Party.
ACC 1298A/39	27 November 1939 - 1 February 1940	Regarding C. Longmore's application to become an official war correspondent.
ACC 1298A/45	26 October 1939 - 23 December 1962	Various letters congratulating C. Longmore on his work with the West Australian.
ACC 1298A/44/1-30	29 September 1942 - 6 January 1944	Correspondence between C. Longmore and Premier John Curtin regarding the use of Aborigines for war duties.
ACC 1298A/43/5-6	18 and 26 August 1943	Two letters from John Curtin to C. Longmore thanking him for offering to assist in the 1943 election campaign.

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ACC 1298A/48	3 June 1951	Letter of thanks from Mrs. C. Craig (nee Nancy Birdwood) thank C. Longmore for his tribute in the West Australian to her father Field Marshall Lord Birdwood ("Birdie" of Anzac fame) on the occasion of his death. (Clipping attached).
		DIARIES
ACC 1298A/26	11 June - 30 November 1923	Diary - brief entries re Third State Prospecting Party and the area they searched.
ACC 1298A/40/3-10	13 March - 12 August 1942	Diary kept by C. Longmore during his service in the North West as war correspondent for the West Australian. Hally Potter represented the Daily News. Contains articles, instructions, messages, telegrams, reports etc. (listed under appropriate classes with details). Diary - unbound - describes journey to the Kimberley and the defence of the Kimberley - diary method of reporting to West Australian.
		DISPATCHES
ACC 1298A/5/125	8-19 March 1917	Copies of dispatches
ACC 1298A/2/1-121	29 December 1916 - 7 August 1918	Dispatches, instructions and field messages.
ACC 1298AD/2/1-121 DIGITAL STACK	29 December 1916 - 7 August 1918	Dispatches, instructions and field messages.
ACC 1298A/42/1-113	4 February 1941 - 16 February 1942	Confidential information dispatched to the Department of Information. Strategic and other matters.
		DOCUMENTS
ACC 1298A/8/4-6	8 August 1918	Translation of a captured German war document - interrogation of 4 prisoners of war from the 51st Battalion.
ACC 1298AD/8/4-6 ONLINE	8 August 1918	Translation of a captured German war document - interrogation of 4 prisoners of war from the 51st Battalion.
		FIELD MESSAGE BOOKS
ACC 1298A/1/1-8	21 September 1916 - 29 September 1918	
ACC 1298A/2/125	8 March 1917 - 19 March 1917	
ACC 1298A/2/73-121	28 March 1917 - 1918	Many not dated.
ACC 1298A/8/7-8	30 March 1918	Night attack on the Somme
ACC 1298AD/8/7-8 ONLINE	30 March 1918	Night attack on the Somme
ACC 1298A/2/126	21 June 1918	
		INSIGNIA
ACC 1298A/4/1-4	October 1917	Blue and white oval "Eggs-a-cook. Colour shoulder patches worn by C. Longmore at the Battles of Messines (June 1917) and Paschendale.

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		INSTRUCTIONS - Operational
ACC 1298A/3/1-19	18 December - 21 December 1915	Battle orders to abandon Gallipoli 16th Battalion A.I.F.
ACC 1298A/2/1-72	28 December 1916 - 7 August 1918	Operational and battle instructions.
ACC 1298A/10/4	7 August 1918	Battle instructions for the attack east of Amiens.
		INSTRUCTIONS - Training
ACC 1298A/40/15	12-19 July 1942	Native training - Liveringa Station. Procedures in training.
ACC 1298A/40/28	c.1942	Instructions to Kimberley residents on their actions in case of invasion.
		INVITATIONS
ACC 1298A/47	October 1952	Invitation to a Complimentary Luncheon for C.P. Smith on the occasion of his 75th birthday. Press Sub-Branch, R.S.L.
		LETTER BOOKS
ACC 1298A/27/4	1 July - 1 December 1923	Letter-book containing C. Longmore's reports to the Secretary of Mines re the Third State Prospecting Party.
		LISTS
ACC 1298A/27/5	[June - December 1923]	Lists of rations, tools, food items, machinery etc. for Third State Prospecting Party
ACC 1298A/40/25	[1942]	Members of a training party (?) in the Defence of the Kimberley.
		MANUSCRIPTS
ACC 1298A/35	1929	Manuscript of an unpublished novel by C. Longmore. "Breathes there a man....." by C. Longmore; he had ideas about setting up an independent republic for Aborigines. (Rejected by Angus & Robertson). Some correspondence attached.
		MAPS
ACC 1298A/9	23 November 1911	York-Hicks Siding - drawn by C.L. when at Topograph School, York, W.A.
ACC 1298A/1	1 October 1917	Battle of Broodserde - map taken from prisoner - German Field Map (only part of)
ACC 1298A/10	1917	1917. Belgium March 1918. France - Amiens - map 17 - used on the Somme by C.L. July 1918. Used in the Battle of Hamel
ACC 1298A/10	8 August 1918	Map for attack east of Amiens. Bariage map.
ACC 1298A/27/6	1911	Lake Barlee - geological map used by C.L. for Third State Prospecting Party. H.W.B. Talbot and C.S. Honman.
		NEWSPAPER CUTTINGS

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ACC 1298A/34 MICROFILM	1912 - 1923	Album of newspaper cuttings from "The Australian" written by Cyril Longmore.
ACC 1298A/37	13 February 1925 - May 1930	Album of newspaper cuttings, many written by C. Longmore from the Westralian Worker, The Listening Post and the West Australian.
ACC 1298A/36	1930's	The "Dolly Pot" articles - a Goldfields feature published in the Western Mail, conducted by "Non-Com" (C. Longmore)
ACC 1298A/25/2-29	c. 1931	Articles - mostly undated - about the discovery of the "Golden Eagle" gold nugget at Larkinville. Also a series of articles, probably written by C. Longmore and published in the Western Mail, on the history of some of the Goldfields. In the form of galley proofs.
ACC 1298A/42/110-113	17 January - 22 April 1941	Cyril Longmore's appointment as Service Commentator to the Dept. of Information
ACC 1298A/41/1-7	8 February 1943 - 1 June 1946	Various articles - training of Aborigines etc.
ACC 1298A/39/1-5	1945 -1950	Articles by Cyril Longmore in the West Australian on the A.I.F. One article dated 1922 from the Bulletin - about Cyril Longmore.
		PAYBOOKS
ACC 1298A/5/1-3	1916-1919	Paybooks.
ACC 1298A/6/1	27 February 1919	Paysheet - Capt. C. Longmore.
		PERMITS
ACC 1298A/5/10-13	28 October 1918	Ship transport pass issued to Capt. C. Longmore - details of illness
		PROGRAMMES
ACC 1298A/40/17	19 July 1942	Sports programme Liveringa. Commando V.D.C. versus H.Q. Nominal roll of Liveringa Commando. Bushcraft notes by C. Longmore.
		RATION CARDS
ACC 1298A/5/4-9	1918	Ration cards and stamps.
		REFERENCES
ACC 1298A/23/8-22	28 October 1901 - 27 August 1945	Written for Cyril Longmore - from his school, the Army and the Press.
ACC 1298A/24/3	2 December 1917	Application for Lieutenant on the A and I staff - gives details of service and training
ACC 1298A/24/1-2	26 January 1939	Application for service in World War Two explaining his certificates and qualifications
ACC 1298A/46	24 November 1939	Reference from C.P. Smith (editor of West Australian) commending C. Longmore for any kind of literary work.
		REGULATIONS
ACC 1298A/40/1	8 May 1941	Regulations for accredited war correspondents.
ACC 1298A/40/2	18 May 1942	C. Longmore's thumb print for official identification
		REPORTS

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ACC 1298A/40/3	30 June 1942	Report of Operations of Special Independent Company - to Brig William Anderson, 3 Australian Corps., Perth. Experiment in the training of Aborigines for war service
ACC 1298A/40/14	7 July 1942	Report on the Kimberley's present state of defence. Scheme for effective defence from Major G.D. Mitchell, Fossil Downs to Brig. W. Anderson, 3 Australian Corps., Perth
ACC 1298A/40/16	[1942]	Report on intention to publish the "Commando Chronicle", editor Cyril Longmore
ACC 1298A/40/18	July 1942	Report on training of Aborigines at Liveringa. To Major C.D. Mitchell, Broome
ACC 1298A/40/26	[1942]	Report on the women in the Kimberley, Fossil Downs, Major C.D. Mitchell
		SKETCHES
ACC 1298A/12	17 June 1911	Two drawings of guns and gun parts. C. Longmore S.S.M. on Instructional Staff, C.M.F., Coolgardie.
ACC 1298A/8/1	March - May 1917	Field sketch of "Plugstreet Wood" - trenches occupied by the 44th Battalion.
ACC 1298AD/8/1 ONLINE	March - May 1917	Field sketch of "Plugstreet Wood" - trenches occupied by the 44th Battalion.
ACC 1298A/8/2	[n.d.]	Photographic sketch of "Monument Wood" - shows enemy lines.
ACC 1298AD/8/2 ONLINE	[n.d.]	Photographic sketch of "Monument Wood" - shows enemy lines.
ACC 1298A/8/3	1918	Sketch of Doight, France, 44th Battalion moved from here for last fight on Hindenberg Line
ACC 1298AD/8/3 ONLINE	1918	Sketch of Doight, France, 44th Battalion moved from here for last fight on Hindenberg Line
		TELEGRAMS
ACC 1298A/42/100-109	January 1941	Telegrams concerning R.A.A.F. Comforts Fund, Perth.
ACC 1298A/40/23-24	1942	In form of press releases to the Westralian / Perth; Advertiser / Adelaide; Argus / Melbourne; Austranpress / Sydney; Austranpress / Melbourne. Re raid on Onslow; training of V.D.C. and Native Auxiliary Corps.

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