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Finding aid**

**TRIGGER\_D01**

**Sound recordings collected by  
David S. Trigger, 1978-1979**

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## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

**Date:** 1978-1979

**Extent:** 50 sound cassettes (ca. 60 min. each) : analogue, mono.

### Production history

These recordings were collected by David S. Trigger at Dumadji and surrounding areas in the Queensland Gulf region, between May 1978 and August 1979. They document aspects of Gangalidda, Garrwa and Waanyi culture, history and country. Speakers include Echo Peter, Dick Brookdale, Jupiter [Peter?], Johnny Watson, Big Arthur, Emily Arthur, Archie Rockland, Old Brookdale, Tolby Bob, Billy Joe, Stanley Gilbert, Victor Walden, Wilfred Walden, Redbank, David Brookdale, Micky Mick, Brownny Bob, Stanley Chong, Mick Diamond, Fred Dyarald, Maude Dyarald, Tommy Doolan, Lizzy Daylight, Paddy Lloyd, Maurice Carlton, Jerry Brown, Dinny, Nimo Nero, Doomadgee Willy, Eric Peter, Big Eddie, Johnny [Prince?], Emily Ned, Phil Ned, Connie Walden, Thelma Jupiter, Clara Bob, J Frarleton, Old Silver, Old Echo, A Jupiter, Cyril McPherson, Tommy O'Keefe, Alfie O'Keefe, Iris Ned, Christy Ned and Jock Pedro. The interviews are conducted in English/Aboriginal English.

The collection was deposited at AIATSIS on 30 May 1980.

## RELATED MATERIAL

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See also [TRIGGER D02](#). Photocopies of handwritten transcripts of the interviews with Archie Rockland on field tapes 8 and 9, and Old Silver on field tape 42, are held in the AIATSIS Audiovisual Archive. For a complete listing of related material held by AIATSIS, consult the Institute's Mura® online catalogue at <http://mura.aiatsis.gov.au>.

## ARCHIVIST'S NOTE

This finding aid was compiled from information provided by David Trigger at the time of deposit. Detailed item descriptions, featuring timing points, are not yet available as the collection has not been auditioned by AIATSIS staff.

Field tape 21 was inaudible and was therefore not archived. Parts of field tape 25 were also inaudible and were edited out.

## ITEM LIST

<b>Field recording number</b>	<b>AIATSIS item number</b>	<b>Description</b>
Field tape 1	TRIGGER_D01-006619	Echo Peter talks about Garrwa genealogies, recorded at Dumadji, May 1978
Field tape 2	TRIGGER_D01-006620	Dick Brookdale talks about Gangalidda country, skin groups, genealogies and history, recorded at Dumadji, 18-20 May 1978
Field tape 3	TRIGGER_D01-006621	Echo Peter talks about kinship terms, ceremonial life, mythology, language and ceremony, and the movement of Garrwa people, recorded at Dumadji, May 1978
Field tape 4	TRIGGER_D01-006622	Echo Peter talks about researchers at Borroloola, Garrwa migration and history, Gangalidda coastal country and Garrwa kinship terms, recorded at Dumadji, June 1978; Jupiter [Peter?] gives Garrwa names for plants and animals, recorded at Dumadji, June 1978
Field tape 5	TRIGGER_D01-006623	Johnny Watson talks about Garrwa country, inheritance of country, kinship system, wrong marriage and other issues, recorded at Dumadji, June 1978 [the depositor has noted that Mr Watson was unwell at the time, and the interview was therefore not as successful as it might have been]
Field tape 6	TRIGGER_D01-006624	Discussion about trip to find Gangalidda country with Echo Peter and Big Arthur, recorded at Dumadji, June 1978; Big Arthur and Emily Arthur talk about the Burketown/Escott area, recorded at Dumadji, June 1978
Field tape 7	TRIGGER_D01-006625	Big Arthur talks about the lack of initiated Gangalidda men and 'kulya' at Dumadji and Borroloola, recorded at Dumadji, May 1978; [Archie Rockland?] says a prayer in Garrwa and talks about Christianity, his country, and Gangalidda beliefs about what happens after death, recorded at Dumadji, May 1978
Field tape 8	TRIGGER_D01-006626	Old Brookdale and other Garrwa, Waanyi and Gangalidda men talk about kinship terms and discuss the last initiation ceremony held at Dumadji, recorded at Dumadji, June 1978; Old Brookdale sings a sandalwood song; oral history interview with Archie Rockland, including a discussion of sites between Corinda and the Northern Territory, recorded along the Nicholson River Road, 17-18 May 1978
Field tape 9	TRIGGER_D01-	Archie Rockland talks about sites along the Nicholson

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	006627	River, ethnobotanical matters, an initiation ceremony, and inheritance of country, recorded along the Nicholson River Road between Corinda and the Northern Territory, 17-18 May 1978 (continued from field tape 8); ethnobotanical and language data elicited from Tolby Bob (a Garrwa man) and Dick Brookdale (a Gangalidda man), recorded during a trip to Burketown, 19-20 May 1978 <b>Restricted – Culturally sensitive material</b>
Field tape 10	TRIGGER_D01-006628	Dick Brookdale talks about sites in the Burketown area and the history of Burketown, recorded at Burketown, 19-20 May 1978; Micky Mick talks about Gangalidda country; Archie Rockland and Stanley Gilbert
Field tape 11	TRIGGER_D01-006629	Open air evangelical meeting at Dumadji, 21 May 1978; Tolby Bob and Echo Peter talk about ceremony, recorded at Dumadji, 21 May 1978 <b>Restricted – Culturally sensitive material</b>
Field tape 12	TRIGGER_D01-006630	Echo Peter talks about ceremonial matters and land rights, recorded at Dumadji, June 1978; Archie Rockland talks about inheritance of country, 'story', genealogies, and totemic groups, recorded at Dumadji, June 1978 <b>Restricted – Culturally sensitive material</b>
Field tape 13	TRIGGER_D01-006631	Archie Rockland talks about genealogies, family and kids getting stories, recorded at Dumadji, June 1978; Billy Joe talks about the ngabaya (devil) story, place names, his country and owners within the lineage, recorded at Dumadji, June 1978
Field tape 14	TRIGGER_D01-006632	Victor Walden talks about place names around Burketown and Old Doomadgee, his family and other people who know Gangalidda country, recorded at Dumadji, June 1978; Wilfred Walden and David Brookdale speak at the Public Grog Meeting, Dumadji, 24 May 1978; Big Arthur and Redbank talk about wudaliya country, bush names and iidyan, recorded at Dumadji, June 1978
Field tape 15	TRIGGER_D01-006633	Big Arthur and Micky Mick talk about mythology, dangers of water, etc, during a trip to Old Doomadgee, June 1978 [the depositor notes the recording is faint]; Micky Mick and Brown Bob talk about Garrwa genealogies and kinship, and [Bentinck Islanders?], recorded at Dumadji, June 1978; Discussion with Stanley Chong and Richard Brookdale about mapping of country, recorded at

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		Dumadji, June 1978
Field tape 16	TRIGGER_D01-006634	Redbank and Victor Walden talk about yiidyan and country, recorded at Dumadji, June 1978
Field tape 17	TRIGGER_D01-006635	Big Arthur and Emily Arthur (both Garrwa) provide genealogical data about their family, recorded at Dumadji, June 1978; Stanley Chong provides Gangalidda kinship terms and genealogical data, recorded at Dumadji, June 1978
Field tape 18	TRIGGER_D01-006636	General conversation between Emily Arthur, Archie Rockland, Micky Mick (all Garrwa) and Tommy George (Waanyi), recorded at Dumadji, June 1978; Big Arthur and Billy Joe talk about Nyangga country and its owners, recorded at Dumadji, June 1978
Field tape 19	TRIGGER_D01-006637	Billy Joe and Mick Diamond talk about Garrwa genealogies and country, recorded at Dumadji, June 1978; Mick Diamond, Tolby Bob, Tommy George and Redbank give place names for the Dumadji area south of the Nicholson River, recorded at Dumadji, June 1978
Field tape 20	TRIGGER_D01-006638	Tommy George (Waanyi) talks about place names along Accident Creek, and initiation ceremonies, recorded at Dumadji, June 1978 <b>Restricted – Culturally sensitive material</b>
Field tape 22	TRIGGER_D01-006639	General conversation among Micky Mick, Redbank, Echo Peter and Johnny Watson, recorded at Dumadji, June 1978; oral history interview with Brown Bob and Eric Peter at Dumadji, June 1978
Field tape 23	TRIGGER_D01-006640	Dingo story from mainland, told by Fred and Maude Dyarald (Lardil) at Mornington Island, June 1978; Stanley Chong talks about people from the mainland living on Mornington Island, recorded at Mornington Island, June 1978; oral history interview with Tommy Doolan at Dumadji, June 1978; Lizzy Daylight (Gangalidda) talks about the school language program and genealogies, recorded at Dumadji, June 1978 <b>Restricted – Culturally sensitive material</b>
Field tape 24	TRIGGER_D01-006641	Oral history interview with Gangalidda man Eric Peter at Dumadji, June 1978; Garrwa men Redbank and Johnny Watson talk about songs associated with ceremonial life, recorded at Dumadji, June 1978 <b>Restricted – Culturally sensitive material</b>
Field tape 25	TRIGGER_D01-006642	General conversation between Micky Mick, Emily Arthur and [?], recorded on the road between

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		Wollogorang Station and Siegal Creek, June 1978; Maurice Carlton and Paddy Lloyd (Waanyi) talk about families and languages at Camooweal, recorded at Camooweal, June 1978
Field tape 26	TRIGGER_D01-006643	Paddy Lloyd and Maurice Carlton talk about Waanyi people at Camooweal and their historical movements, recorded at Camooweal, June 1978
Field tape 27	TRIGGER_D01-006644	Garrwa song composed and performed by Johnny Watson, Dumadji, August 1978; Big Arthur and others, including Johnny Watson and Brown Bob, discuss the broлга dance, appearance of dead person, devils and other matters, recorded at Wollogorang camp, August 1978; Jerry Brown and Dinny singing at Borroloola, August 1978; Nimo Nero (Gangalidda) talks about missionaries and grog issues, recorded at Dumadji, August 1978 <b>Restricted – Culturally sensitive material</b>
Field tape 28	TRIGGER_D01-006645	Conversation with group of children at Dumadji, August 1978; [Tom and Henry?] and Micky Mick talk about their past and their opinion of missionaries, recorded at Dumadji, August 1978; Big Arthur, Doomadgee Willy, Eric Peter, Nimo Nero and Big Eddie talk about devils and the hawk story, recorded at Lily Waterhole, August 1978 <b>Restricted – Culturally sensitive material</b>
Field tape 29	TRIGGER_D01-006646	Big Arthur, Willy Doomadgee, Nimo Nero, Eric Peter and Big Eddie discuss secret ceremonies, recorded at Lily Waterhole, 23 September 1978 <b>Restricted – Culturally sensitive material</b>
Field tape 30	TRIGGER_D01-006647	Willy Doomadgee and Big Arthur talk about the dugong story, the old mission and surrounding sites, and revenge killing on Bayley Island, recorded at Dinner Camp, 23-24 September 1978 <b>Restricted – Culturally sensitive material</b>
Field tape 31	TRIGGER_D01-006648	Willy Doomadgee and Big Arthur talk about sites in the Old Doomadgee Mission area, recorded September 1978
Field tape 32	TRIGGER_D01-006649	Willy Doomadgee talks about sites, including site 53, Gunamula (Cliffdale Creek lagoon), September 1978; Lizzy Daylight (Gangalidda) talks about sites in the Burketown area, September 1978 <b>Restricted – Culturally sensitive material</b>
Field tape 33	TRIGGER_D01-006650	Lizzy Daylight discusses the movement of people into Burketown, people affiliated with Dugudari camp

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		and names from Escott westward, recorded at Burketown, September 1978; Johnny Watson sings a song from a trip to Mt Garnet, recorded at Dumadji, September 1978; Archie Rockland talks about Garrwa avoidance vocabulary, Dumadji, September 1978
Field tape 34	TRIGGER_D01-006651	Archie Rockland talks about Garrwa kinship terms, the Nicholson River area and Freddy Charles' family, recorded at Dumadji, October 1978; Lizzy Daylight and Eric Peter talk about Eric Peter's family history, recorded at Dumadji, October 1978
Field tape 35	TRIGGER_D01-006652	Lizzy Daylight and Nimo Nero talk about Gangalidda genealogies, country and sites east of Moonlight Creek, recorded at Dumadji, October 1978
Field tape 36	TRIGGER_D01-006653	Lizzy Daylight compares Gangalidda and Garrwa terms and discusses Eric Peter's genealogy, Dumadji, October 1978; Big Arthur gives Garrwa terms for country, Dumadji, October 1978 <b>Restricted – Culturally sensitive material</b>
Field tape 37	TRIGGER_D01-006654	Big Arthur discusses Garrwa mythology, Dumadji, November 1978; Johnny [Prince?] (Waanyi) talks about Nicholson River country, Dumadji, November 1978; Emily Ned (Gangalidda) tells a bushfire story and discusses sites in the Westmoreland Gorge region, Dumadji, November 1978; Big Arthur and Billy Joe (Garrwa), Dumadji, November 1978 <b>Restricted – Culturally sensitive material</b>
Field tape 38	TRIGGER_D01-006655	Johnny Watson, Big Arthur, Mickey Mick and Billy Joe (all Garrwa men) talk about an initiation ceremony, Dumadji, November 1978; Johnny Watson talks about teaching children in school, Dumadji, November 1978; Emily Ned and Lizzy Daylight talk about death—causes and consequences, Dumadji, November 1978; Phil Ned talks about religion (Aboriginal religion and Christianity); Connie Walden talks about Gunamula, Dumadji, November 1978 <b>Restricted – Culturally sensitive material</b>
Field tape 39	TRIGGER_D01-006656	Lizzy Daylight and Thelma Jupiter (Gangalidda) talk about Biyali/Wambilbayi country and sites in the vicinity of Old Doomadgee, recorded at Dumadji, November 1978
Field tape 40	TRIGGER_D01-006657	Tommy George, a Waanyi man, talks about himself, Dumadji, November 1978; Brownny Bob, a Garrwa man, talks about Barangu (site N28), Dumadji, November 1978; Clara Bob gives Garrwa kinship



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		terms, Dumadji, November 1978 <b>Restricted – Culturally sensitive material</b>
Field tape 41	TRIGGER_D01-006658	Clara Bob gives Garrwa kinship terms, Dumadji, November 1978
Field tape 42	TRIGGER_D01-006659	J Frarleton talks about a cave site, Accident Hut, May/June 1979; Old Silver (Garrwa) talks about the discovery of the Mount Isa mines, Dumadji, May/June 1979
Field tape 43	TRIGGER_D01-006660	Garrwa men, Old Echo, Johnny Watson, Brown Bob, Micky Mick, Billy Joe and Big Arthur discuss the <i>Dangana</i> area, the history of Robinson River Station and other stations, country names and genealogical owners, recorded at Dangana, June 1979; Echo Peter discusses the Nicholson River land claim, Dumadji, June 1979 <b>Restricted – Culturally sensitive material</b>
Field tape 44	TRIGGER_D01-006661	Micky Mick, A Jupiter, Jupiter Peter and Cyril McPherson discuss the beginning of incest (a story), ethnobotanical data, sorcery, the location of King Peter's tree burial, Kalkatungu speakers, birth, healing, inadequacy of Western medicine, recorded at Dumadji, June 1979 <b>Restricted – Culturally sensitive material</b>
Field tape 45	TRIGGER_D01-006662	Old Dick Brookdale, a Gangalidda man, discusses 'kings', particularly in the Burketown area, recorded at Dumadji, June 1979; Billy Joe, a Garrwa man, discusses a trip to Borroloola and his desire to establish an outstation there, Dumadji's bad points, mention of a conception totem, recorded at Dumadji, June 1979
Field tape 46	TRIGGER_D01-006663	Tommy O'Keefe, Alfie O'Keefe, Iris Ned and Christy Ned (Waanyi) discuss the history of Corinda, the death of a child and the move to Mornington Island, Dumadji, June 1979; Redbank discusses <i>junggayi</i> role, Borroloola and the significance of the head, Dumadji, June 1979; Emily Arthur briefly discusses a trip to Mt Isa, Dumadji, June 1979 <b>Restricted – Culturally sensitive material</b>
Field tape 47	TRIGGER_D01-006664	Jock Pedro, a Waanyi man, discusses the history of Corinda, recorded at Westmoreland Gorge, June-July 1979; Echo Peter talks about the Native Police, genealogies and sites in the Westmoreland Gorge area, recorded at Westmoreland Gorge, June-July 1979; Archie Rockland (Waanyi/Gangalidda) and Old

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		Echo (Garrwa) talk about Archie Rockland's father's country, sites on the coast near Old Doomadgee, Jilundarinya, the Nicholson River claim and genealogies, recorded at Borroloola, June-July 1979 <b>Restricted – Culturally sensitive material</b>
Field tape 48	TRIGGER_D01-006665	Old Echo and Archie Rockland discuss the Nicholson River country, the movement to Corinda and Mornington Island, country names on the Nicholson River, Archie Rockland's family's country and some country names from the Robinson River Station area, recorded at Borroloola, July 1979 (continued from field tape 47)
Field tape 49	TRIGGER_D01-006666	Echo Peter and Jock Pedro (Garrwa) discuss sites in the Westmoreland Gorge area and Jock Pedro's genealogy and country, recorded at Westmoreland Gorge, July/August 1979
Field tape 50	TRIGGER_D01-006667	Archie Rockland (Gangalidda) discusses which kin categories are suitable for marriage, sites in the Nicholson River claim area, perception of sickness from 'overseas', and changes brought about by 'Christians', recorded near Westmoreland Station, August 1979 <b>Restricted – Culturally sensitive material</b>