KANGAROO STORY.

The two boards belonged jointly to:

Jim Green, Stanley West, Cyril Holland, Jack Lane, Paddy Holland
and Stanley West's father.

Story recorded by R.L. Kirk, 23.10.64:

Informants: Roger Duncan and Jim Green.

Site: Few miles north of Mt. Talbot.

The story reads from the top of the largest board.

**The Kangaroo came from Kununburu country.**

He is chased by the Dingo into Yindi waterhole and then to Kunayangu where the kangaroo is killed by the dingo. He comes alive again and goes to Waybilyilder where he stays one night and then goes on to Munda waterhole. Here the kangaroo gets covered over and in the fight (?) the dog gets hit on the back. The kangaroo goes on to Ngulali - a big stone - the dog chases the kangaroo and hits him near the eye so that the kangaroo opened his eyes.

The kangaroo cut himself with a brick (cut himself a lot in the ribs?) to make a man. He then put up a big board, like the lara board, to frighten the dog away.

A tree then speared the kangaroo with a lot of sticks (Pudilaruluru) coming up to Kununburu. Camp Hill. Sings a lot of Coreboroo there. Then on to Kumbuguru where the kangaroo passes water and afterwards plants the Malee tree and puts a big shield up (Djara). He draws a black charcoal line down his belly (Wawardu) and this is followed by dancing at the creek, Ngungu (elbow).

He then makes a little fire (Burguluninna) and carries from then on a fire stick to Mt. Talbot and leaves it in there. Mt. Talbot is described as the body of the kangaroo and the tail is Warabuya rock.

From Mt. Talbot he goes to a little cave and camps and then to the site of the present Mission and made a corroboree at the air-strip. There was a big gum tree in the Mission compound which was broken. Here he went
down a big hole in the Creek, Wagadadi (near the Creek is a water hole where he is supposed to have emerged).

At Wagadadi made a big ceremony for circumcision – to make all men. Proceeding further down the road he saw a big goanna after rain and sang a corroboree there where the goanna crosses the road (rock shelf). He sings another corroboree at the same place and then another a bit further on.

The kangaroo then went on to the big creek (Wibura) stayed a few days and then went on to Kululuru water hole. Then on to Bilgi waterhole where all the dogs smell him and chase him. The kangaroo cuts a waddi for the first time, but still at Bilgi the dogs chase him, put him in the waterhole and kill him. Here the dogs cook him and eat him all up.

But the kangaroo becomes alive again and continues his journey to Mini Creek, where he is finally killed.

Small Board:

After killing the kangaroo at Mini Creek the dog gives birth to pups, and the board is said to represent the pups playing.