

Transcription of: AA338/2/13

PK: Note that this accession or series number may be slightly incorrect. I believe the record belongs to the series AA 338/2/12 ('Totems, Message Sticks, Bullroarers, Music (Mainland tribes) and Dances, Songs etc.' since it describes a mainland message stick.

Message sticks etc

An interesting example of ~~sign-absent illegible~~ communication by signs was ~~noticed~~ met ~~seen~~ with near Walmaja lagoon. An old man, one of our party having died at Roper River, in the absence of a ~~party~~ group of Mara natives, who were on a honey bee ~~harvest~~ gathering trip into the ranges at the back of the River, ~~the news of his death was left or received by in their illegible was from to~~ two Allawa natives, ~~who finding their people were away left the news of the old man's death with the following illegible to pass the news on~~ passed the news on by constructing ~~holding~~ in the deserted camp, a low mound of sand four feet long and one wide at one end of which they placed an ~~white~~ upright stick with a ~~a-bundle~~ of shredded white bark ~~was~~ tied to it (Fig)

Message Sticks

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