11.2b* Muralidban * West side of Liverpool River, from mouth to junction with the Mann River.

Muralidban (AC, SAW, O'G, 'RLS', AIAS)

A closely related dialect to Gunbalang, classified here by Wurm. It is multiple-classifying.

11.3a* Dangbon / Dalabon ** Bulman Gorge N16 (AIAS N60) & Wilton River stretching south a little beyond Mainorup Station, & west to Liverpool and East Alligator Rivers (Wood)

Dangbon (AC, APE, Harris, AIAS), Gundangbon (O'G, 'RLS'); Dalabon (AC, SAW, O'G, 13b 'RLS', Wood, McKay, AIAS); Ngalkbon (AC, Wood, McKay), Ngalgbon (APE, AIAS), Ngalabon, Njalkpon (both 'RLS')

Wurm's 1970 classification still lists Dangbon and Dalabon as separate dialects but both McKay and Wood in recent surveys found that Ngalgbon and Rembarnga speakers insisted that Dangbon is just the Gunwinjgu word for Dalabon; one informant said it is the same as Dangbon but rough." Later information from McKay is that one Dangbon informant said the Dangbon Gunwinjgu name, Dalabon was his name for the language; another informant used the two names inter-changeably (for different hearers). It is non-classifying, western dialect, the same as Buan its eastern counterpart except for some vocabulary and prefix differences. It appears to be midway between Gunwinjgu and Rembarnga, showing relationships to the multiple-classifying Ngalagan, Wandarang and Ngandi on the east and south, and to the non-classifying Rembarnga to the north. It has six stop-nasal contrasts and glottal the same as Gunwinjgu and five vowel phonemes as well as length. Stress tends to be word initial. A feature is the occurrence of consonant plus glottal as in Rembarnga. The language is still viable though Wood reports it is beginning to lose viability as the people are now becoming very scattered, though numbers of children still speak the language. Hence there is reasonable urgency for a more complete study while the language retains some degree of vitality. Places where speakers
are found today, with numbers, are as follows: Bamyili 100-12-, Beswick 25-30; Oenpelli 20(?); Maningrida area 5 or 6; Katherine 10-15.

'man' : bi: (McKay)

11.3b* Buan ** Headwaters of Phelps, N12 (AIAS N89)
(13a) Rose and Hart Rivers (AC)

Buan (AC, APE, SAW, AIAS), Boun (T, O'G, 'RLS'), Bouin, Buwan ('RLS')

See comment above under Dalabon which is virtually the same language. No record of numbers of speakers. There is need for a study of dialectal differences between Dalabon and Buan.

'man' : bi:

[12.

b. Girdimarg Subgroup

Deleted in new classification.

12. Gunbalang

See 11.2a* above.

B. BUANIC GROUP

a. Bi Subgroup

Deleted in new classification.

13a. Buan

See 11.3b* above. ]

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B. NGALAGANIC GROUP*

(originally Bigur Subgroup)