RAAF search for Lieut Keith Anderson – pilot – and his mechanic ‘Bobby’ Henry Smith Hitchcock lost in the ‘Kookaburra’ in the Ryans Well-Wave Hill area in April, 1929 – Rough Log by Eric Douglas then a Sergeant Pilot – the search was headed by Flight Lieut Charles Eaton

Up in DH9A – A1-20 (Engine caught on fire) and back in DH9A A1-5 (Flight Lieut Eaton’s plane)

Eric’s log commences on 17th April, 1929
Flying times
4:30 to Muldina
5:45 to Muldina
2:30 to Oodnadatta
3:00 to Alice Springs
1:05 up to Paynes
t 1:55 to Napper
1:25 from

1:00 to Alice Springs
1:00 to Ayers Rock
2:25 to Lamin hut
2:30 1:35 to his Camp
1:00 to Wore Hill
2:40 to Wore Hill

3:30 2:20 to Lamin hut
3:15 3:35 to Alice Springs
40 2:30 to Oodnadatta
42 4:45 2:30 to Uluru
44 1:15 1:40 to Hawker
4:15 2:10 to Muldina
50 1:15 2:00 to Uluru
Saturday 24th April

1800 left in direction of last
1800 reached locality of last known location.
1800 began search for our men.
1900 arrived back at camp.

1400 little annie,
very glad to see them.

1400 left camp.

Monday left camp.

1400 arrived at Anderson's site.
1600 distance 12 to 14
miles. We will have
first place in morning.

1500 found Anderson's
1700 removed one man
from the original of blackened,
believe it the rubber man.

Found Anderson's
1650 - Ball 1710
arrived at Mill Lake.
Wednesday:

9.30 pm, tied out. Sunday 30th visiting return of forces. They are very thirsty, they strayed away last night. We have families to do to get water.

9th again arrived at 6 am 1850. Had begun about 1640, stopped at 1900 and could not start. Mean can, we will start at 6 in the morning.

Wednesday 31st, found the water further on. The can was on leaving officer. Steps 39 at 1900. Read 510.

Thursday 16th.

Travelling sketch of a route.

Friday 17th.


Test a symmetry.

Sunday 19th.

Monday & printing getting better, we expect to leave this tomorrow.

Tuesday 20th.

Run up pair of line, second and pulling cylinder lower on crankcase.
1. Taking water in
2. Crank valve
3. Front
4. Water pump
5. Cooling
6. Crank abone throttle

7. Broken
8. Engin caught fire on ground fire just out
9. Do not may fire just out of commands
10. ancestor orders from 11/13
11. L/C washed out

Wednesday 1936 left
in H15 for Towamba Creek

Repaired to Enjine

1. Adjustment
2. L/C
3. New generator
4. Exka.
5. Peter pump
6. New generator fitted
7. Wee Hill
8. Regent of Wee good