Some of my memorable contacts with Oscar Evans.

(Hout 7/1/32 - Drove on Senday from Lake County to Trow Bieber. 25 miles east of addie. The crew was already post of the month and bill-paying time. He gave rue a typewnter and a stack of purchase Orders (Form 815?) to type. I had a very slow "least + peck" typing method that was really nover gerfected. He lead we gut the typewriter on the ground under a pruderosa juice tree. I was a bit eenhappy will this trangement but did my best for a couple of hours in spile of an achining back. Is was soon to learn that Orear had a strong suterest in "a days work for a days gay". I was leaving against the tree having a smoke and resting they, a big flund, be granged his watel chain, pulled out the large gold water and lookefut it and loudly exclaimed " young man in this camp we work from eight to five? He then turned on his heel ared returned to his tent,

hote: Inas detailed from the California, 1. 7 for one month to learn the R-5 theriber and method. 1931 was my first year in the California Region as a permanent carployee.

The above incident illustrates Oscars way of letting a new recruit know that he was boss and that his word was the law of the camp, Throughout may career I had many forses but never bow this "tactic" used again, gain her sensest

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Osear had more than his share of problems with camp cooks. The never seeingd to have on to a man very long. Such was the case the mangook at the ash seek camp. I had been i camp a few days when upon approached the cook tout for breakfast there was a four order. greating us at the door. We all filed in to stand at our places and want the enterance of the suan which was the designated procedure. He arrived on tunix and stroad to his place at the head of the table. He suiffed the are He then glauced at the kitchen and there stood the cook with his town hat and suit on with a suitcase in hand. He then uttered a couple of wild several words told the coal to get his stuff into the truck ared appointed two of the even to stay in camp and do the cooking. Of he went to town. We could only guess what Oscar that done that provoked the cook to save rotten eggs and plan such a Colorful and smelly deniese from camp. To one dared ast. He west camp cook armied a few days later. This—time it was a woman, situation was I don't remember watter how bad the A can remainder a couple of dames into our that about all

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Delieve Orcar enjoyed training men in tunber sensey to has good at it. It was if course easy for hum to explain because he had densed this system himself, written two manuals (books) on it, and had worked at it for about 20 years by the tune I became a S.F.

Our morning he kept us i camp and went thru the whole mediene of laced surveys, contour mappings the face of twisher surveys in the timber sale propared for the Region, places for the patiene etc. He presented the motional in a manuer that was easy to follow. This was fallowed by some fire training by the District banger and something about the tumber mana sense; program on Mudoc by the tember staff spicer.

(Rundle in low gint) —

My training period was meaning its end when Oscar decided to make a check cruise of my tunber estimating.

had been The mapper on a two man coursing team for two weeks and had been the estimates on the two man team for about 11/2 weeks. The estimator was in charge of the and a long ways from the road, I weade the decision the cruise line. His is wandaton procedure but & lead decided on their last run for the day that we would took be checked on their one, because of its remotioners from The west morning Oscar, Inning Pierce (my compassure) and of the check cruise after the rest of the cruisers has Them let out at their starting locations.

First weakers a sage brush flat for about 1/2 mile the mountain. It wasn't long with Oscar decided he went take his morning proving which occurred almost to the unimum each revoruing regardless of where he was. He stopped and

Go ahead and find our starting found as near as he could remember and place a sed flag for our check. This he proceeded to do and I waited for Oscar. Eventually we found Inning and started the check cruise. We were close to the original line but not exactly on it even though Docar asked if we were on the original line, and o told him we were of the check measurements were compared to the original cruise and as was to be expected the results left something to be desired Oscavi comment on the descrepancy was "that's they check cruise ever made i my whole career". I of course had gotten shat I came for I knew enough about the inethol to proceed with a tunter survey on my own at anytune. In addition I had learned from Observation of Oscars management of Jeople a few theirs to avoid. Many glass later and after Oscar had been retered a few years, we attended an S.F. meeting together at Challenge It was the spring field meeting and it raised continuously. In the roads were orthogonally. The roads were extremely muddy and only flower wagons and Jeeps could travel to the designates places. The back of my Jeep station was on was full of bodies and Oscar was redeing short gun beside me. I took the occasion to remained him of the worst" check cruise and told him of the reaction was to chuckle a little. I aften wondered if he had a spy watching over me while I was a visitor in his camp, about 1942 or 1943 finds for operating tumber survey

About 1942 or 1943 fineds for operating tumber sense disappeared with the war effort. Occar was assigned to the Eldorado where I was Inniber Staff Offices. His Crew was to come from the Suon Line Conscientions Objector eaup. His field man as well asthe cook would be C.Os.

The first Job Las to cruise some government land on the with sud of the Saublause 1.7. where there were no tunber estimates. Barner Sweatt was to collect management planning data in the same area and would also be at the housed at the Truiter Survey camp. Oscar had to make considerable agustment in his ways with in dealing with these men who had no interest done. Progress was very slow but by the end of the season the required ont on the Samilaus was complete season the required ont on the Samilaus was complete and several proposed land acquisition private land pacels on the Eldorado lead been surveyed. The turn-over of men was very high. Only a very few of the war achieved approached the performance standards required by Oscar. His problems with cooks was particularly agrivating to lun, The whole idea of using C.O.S on tumber surveys was a bitter pill to Oscar and Down seeme it belpedhein make up his would to retire in 19-Note to Carl Wilson: I of course was in comp the time Osean had hies problem with his long rendersear one morning. I believe The Hall was one of the two left at the truck and seven to secrecy by Oscar. The eye witnesses to this incident should work the

In the summer of 1925, I was doing range survey work on the Stanislaus and Oscar had a timber survey crew on the forest. Two man crews ran lines started at a known corner and, without making any attempt to retrace the lines, used the compass direction used by the GLO. They put a light bark blaze on the trees on or near the line. They ran out the proper distance and jabbed a Jacob Staff in the ground where their line ended. At this point they started looking for the corner. If they found it, well and good; a notation was made of the direction and distance to the corner. If they didn't find the corner, a cruisers Tag was placed on the closest tree and it was designated as an approximate corner.

In the range survey work we generally used the topographic maps for control. However, a portion of private land was selected for its grazing value. These areas I ran out on foot. I got hot under the collar when one of Oscar's lines decoyed me off the proper line.

Needless to say, when Oscar and I met in the Sonora office, a wild argument ensued. A part of Oscar's argument that I could not refute was that he wanted to be able to tell where his men had been. The best part of my argument was that retracing the line was more accurate. I was finding an occasional corner that his men were missing. He conceded that that was likely true but that I had had a lot more experience than his boys. That could be true. I consider myself the last of the section corner hounds that started with Harvey Abbay and progressed to Ivan Cuff, Oscar Evans, Marc Edmonds and yours truly.

An interesting byplay with Oscar follows. On a late spring day in the Ferry Building, Oscar was rushing around wildly loading his field office equipment in a pickup. Out of the goodness of my heart I decided to help him. Oscar was urging me to hurry up and, in my haste, I clumsily dropped something and swore. For a long moment he stared at me in a very disapproving fashion. Finally he said, "I thought you were a Christian."

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