

Dismissed as Incompetent in Unskilled Work

DALLAS, Nov. 27—An unskilled occupation from which he was dismissed for incompetence accounted for about five months of Lee H. Oswald's time in Dallas last fall and winter.

His pay was about \$50 a week. At the time his wife and children were dependent on him.

A downtown graphic arts concern hired Oswald last October. He had been referred by the State Employment Commission. He was given a discharge notice late last March and his employment ended early in April.

His employer, who said he preferred not to be identified, said Oswald had been hired "as a trainee."

"He didn't show any competence or hope of developing competence," he said.

Oswald's job was to develop photostatic prints, described by the employer as an "unskilled occupation." Oswald seemed to have trouble in producing the exact sizes called for, the employer said.

He said Oswald told him he had just been discharged from the Marine Corps, in which he had won a Good Conduct Medal. The employer did not check on that. Actually, Oswald had been discharged three years earlier.

The employer said he believed Oswald had been paid about \$1.45 an hour and occasionally might have worked more than 40 hours a week. After tax deductions, his net pay was about \$50, he said.

Published reports that Oswald was dismissed for Communist leanings are not true, the employer declared.

A fellow worker had reported seeing Oswald carrying a Communist newspaper. However, the employer said, he took no significant notice of that.

Oswald, he said, came to work on time, returned from lunch on time and was so remote that nobody had any feelings about him.

Oswald's job at the Texas State Book Depository paid about the same. The man who hired him there said he had no complaints about his work, which was menial.

Meanwhile, the Secret Service re-enacted today the assassination of President Kennedy, which is laid to Oswald. The purpose was "to test whether it could be done the way we believe it was done," an official source said.

There were many witnesses to the re-enactment and almost as many versions of it, the source said. The consensus was that the shooting began after the President's car had made the turn from Houston Street into Elm Street.

That was confirmed late today by Gov. John B. Connally Jr., who was wounded in the shooting, at a news conference in the hospital.

No results of the test were announced.

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