

Leslie (Les) Thomas Ortlipp.



Les Ortlipp
with his son
Charles when
he was fire
spotting on Mt
Clearspot south
of Bright. C
1950s. Photo:
Charles Ortlipp

Les Ortlipp was born on 18 May 1925 at Culcairn in New South Wales but moved to Bright in NE Victoria in 1933 after his father died and his mother remarried.

During the summer months from 1951-1956, Les worked as a fire lookout at Mt Clearspot overlooking the Ovens Valley Plantations. He rode his horse up each day to the summit. And until the late 1950s,

A black and white photograph of a small, rectangular wooden building on a hillside. The building has a gabled roof and a small window with a shutter. A person is standing near the building, and a tripod is visible in the foreground.