

# Claiborne 'Cowboy' Rides Range For Stray Cattle



This is Kent C. James on his horse, "Silver," as he rides the range at Camp Claiborne, herding cattle—believe it or not. (Signal Corps Photo).

## Kent C. James Has One Of Camp's Oddest Jobs

An Army camp with a cowboy who "rides the range" herding cattle—that's Claiborne.

The cowboy is Kent C. James, a native of these parts. The range is the rifle range and the main camp area. And the cattle are privately owned stock who wander onto the camp from surrounding farms.

To keep the cattle from being killed by bullets and shell, the rifle range has been fenced in, but some cattle wander in through broken fence. So Mr. James daily rides the range to herd stray cattle out of danger.

### Native of Alex

Mr. James was born in Alexandria on Aug. 1, 1886. He has always lived in this territory, but occasionally he worked on Western ranches "for a rest." He has farmed, railroaded, worked with a circus in Canada (for a month) and raised stock.

At the time the government was buying and renting property for Camp Claiborne, Mr. James and his wife were living in Loving Hollow, north corner of the present rifle range. He helped build the camp as a carpenter. And on Sept. 1, 1942, he was hired by the post engineer's office as range rider. He and his wife now live on West Claiborne street.

### \$800 in War Bonds

Just a week ago Mr. James received from the government payment for his property in Loving Hollow, \$800 of which he invested in war bonds. This winter he wants to sell his livestock (except his horse "Silver" and a few other animals he keeps near his house) and that money, too, will go into war bonds, he says.

Mr. James' two step-sons are now in the U. S. armed services. Captain David Knight, in the merchant Marine for eight years, and Arthur Knight, in the Navy, are both overseas.

Mrs. David Knight works in the officers' sales office in Claiborne and lives in the civilian barracks. Mrs. Arthur Knight, employed in the EUTC officers' club, lives with Mr. and Mrs. James.

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