TWO HERE APPOINTED KENTUCKY COLONELS

James V. Hayes Surprised and Puzzled by Commission— H.W.Boteler Named.

The rank of Kentucky colonel, by authority of Governor Ruby Laffoon, was bestowed upon James V. Hayes, Assistant United States Attorney, yesterday by F. W. H. Adams, Chief Assistant United States Attorney, in the latter's office in the Federal Building. The investiture was made at a staff meeting with twenty of Mr. Hayes's colleagues present.

The new colonel expressed complete surprise and puzzlement. However, he gratefully accepted the rank, and the official papers sent by Governor Laffoon, as well as the black derby and a white cross belt which Mr. Adams threw in for good measure.

Mr. Adams said he had been asked to perform the ceremony by a "friend" of Mr. Hayes, whose name he declined to reveal. The embossed commission, signed by Governor Laffoon, made Mr. Hayes aide de camp with the title of colonel.

Another colonelcy went to Henry Watson Boteler of 34-09 Eightythird Street, Jackson Heights, Queens, it was learned yesterday.

Colonel Boteler is the great-grandson of John Jordan Crittenden. a Governor of Kentucky and an eminent jurist. Colonel Boteler's great uncle was Rear Admiral John C. Watson. His father was Squire T. Allen Boteler, a Kentucky magistrate. A letter from Judge George L. Willis Jr. of Shelbyville, Ky., advising Colonel Boteler of his commission, reads in part: "For more than a hundred years the history of Kentucky has named distinguished gentlemen as Kentucky colonels. Ι am certain that the great-grandson of John J. Crittenden and the son of Squire T. Allen Boteler will uphold the traditions of Kentucky and add to the honor of our Commonwealth." Colonel Boteler, who was born in Kentucky, has lived in New York City eleven years. He is an engineer by profession, is married and has one daughter.

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