that was a passing remark and he realized before long that his profession was being protected and went all out in favor of it.

I am writing on Dad's professional stationery so that this might go into your records, and I think that a brief history of Dad should be appropriate: Entered Profession of Architecture in office of Frederick Royal Comstock, Architect, Hartford, Conn., April 1, 1893. Moved to New York City with Comstock office in 1899. Returned to Hartford and joined office of John J. Dwyer Architect, in Hartford, October, 1899. Became Associate Partner in 1906 under name of "J.J. Dwyer, Architect, J.J. McMahon, Associate. In 1909, the firm became Dwyer & McMahon, Architects. In 1911, after decease of John J. Dwyer, the firm became Whiton & McMahon, Architects - in partnership with Frank W. Whiton. In April 1932 this partnership dissolved, John J. McMahon continuing in practice under name of John J. McMahon, Architect until Jan. 1, 1946, when partnership was formed under name of John J. McMahon & Russell F. Hills, Architects. On Jan. 1, 1947, the name was changed to McMahon & Hills, Architects, with offices at 189 Barker Street, Hartford, Conn. Later, Russell F. Hills branched out into private practice and the firm reverted back to John J. McMahon, Architect, and at times, John J. McMahon, Architect, Paul R. McMahon, Associate. The firm of John J. McMahon continued at 189 Barker Street, Hartford, Conn., until his death.

I must add a little history of Dad's military background of which he was so proud. Naturally, this is secondary because of Dad's love of architecture. I remember when Dad had to turn down the appointment of Brigadier General in order to put full time into architecture.

He enlisted as a Private in Co. B, 1st Regt. Inf. Conn. National Guard, April 1, 1895 in the old Elm Street Armory in Hartford. Corporal, Dec. 8, 1896. Sergeant, D 1897. 1st Sergeant, May 12, 1898. Federal Service: 1st Sergeant, C 1st Conn. Inf. May 17, 1898 to Oct. 31, 1898. Honorable Discharge as 1st Sgt.