

service of Uhlstein's.

Q And then you next appeared on the scene in December 1918?

A No, January 1919.

Q I thought you said December?

A I did not leave the States until January 1919.

THE EXAMINER: I think that is correct, Mr.

Smith. He said he was discharged from the army in December.

A I was discharged from the army before December 1918.

Q You appeared in January 1919 to take up the option on

the Amers and Bensie properties?

A I didn't appear for that purpose. I appeared to acquire

bauxite lands in the open market.

Q And to acquire these particular tracts, these two tracts,

you went to see Mr. Humphreys who was a director of the

Demarests Company, did you not?

A I did not know at that time that Mr. Humphreys was a

director. I went to see him to retain him as counsel.

Q He had been a director of that company for some time, didn't

you know that?

A I knew he had been.

Q But you knew personally he was a director of the Demarests

Company?

A I knew he had been.

Q Did you ask him whether he was a director at that time?

A I think there was some testimony on that point in the pre-