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CASE AGAINST FIRM OF FERROBETON OF TARANTO
APR. - JULY 1945

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 ALLIED COMMISSION
 LIAISON OFFICE
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Tel.: 14152

July 17, 1945

Subject: Firm of Ferrobeton.

Ref.: LB/53/57

To: Legal Sub-Commission,
 H.Q. Allied Commission, C.M.F.

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Ref. your letter AS/4053/3/L dated 4.7.45.

1. The following letter has today been received from the MOIC TARANTO:

"1. With reference to your communication No. LB/53/41 dated 9th July 1945 the attached file re Firm of Ferrobeton is returned herewith"

"2. Officer in Charge of Works, Adriatic, confirms that no further action need be taken and that the case can be considered closed as far as the Royal Navy is concerned".

2. In the circumstances no further action is proposed.

S. Miller
 S.W. Miller, Col.
 Allied Commission
 Liaison Officer

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Copy to: Questore, TARANTO,
ref. his 2743 dated 26.6.45
who will please note that
further action in the case
is not desired.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LEGAL SUB-COMMISSION

VEB/pa.
4 Jul 45.

AC/4053/3/L.

SUBJECT : Firm Ferrobeton.

TO : Liaison Officer, Allied Commission, BARI.

1. I return the documents sent with your LB/53/33 of 29 June 1945.

2. You will appreciate, as stated in my earlier letter, that the only information which I have in this case is the file sent to me by Transportation Sub-Commission, which I forwarded to you. I have not seen the Prefect's decree under which it is proposed that proceedings should be brought. Naturally if this will not support a charge in this case it is useless to pursue the matter. You might be able to obtain local advice from an Italian lawyer on this point, or you could forward the decree here for our perusal.

I should add that I am advised that the Ministerial Decree of 22 Nov 1945 applies only to producers and wholesalers and is inapplicable to construction companies such as Ferrobeton. I stress however that I have not seen the Prefect's decree, so that this cannot be regarded as final.

4. If the prosecution is to proceed, you will appreciate that it is being brought at the request of Royal Navy. It is up to them to make Lt. Thomson available if they desire to do so. No doubt you can approach NOIC for this purpose.

By command of Rear Admiral STONE :

W. E. BEHRENS,
Colonel,
Chief Legal Advisor.

Incls.

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ALLIED COMMISSION
LIAISON OFFICE
BARI

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Tel.: 14152

June 29, 1945

Subject: Firm of Ferrobeton.

Ref.: LB/53/33

To: H.Q. Allied Commission,
(for Legal Sub-Commission).

1. The enclosed papers and explanation from the Questore of Taranto are returned to you please for further instructions vide your letter No. AC/4053/3/L dated 10 May '45. — 2A
2. As you will note the Questore is unable to proceed in this case without the evidence in person of Lt. E. St. C. THOMPSON R.N.V.R. who is reported to be in or near TRIESTE.

*G.W. Miller*G.W. Miller, Col.
Allied Commission
Liaison Officer

ALLIED COMMISSION
LIAISON OFFICE
BARI

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Tel.: 14152

June 6, 1945

Subject: Firm of Ferrobeton.

Ref.: LB/53/22

To: R. Questura, Taranto.

1. Ref. this office letter No. LB/53 dated 14 May '45 requesting you kindly to take criminal proceedings in the case of the firm of Ferrobeton.

2. On ~~personal~~ enquiry at your office on Saturday information was obtained that no action has as yet been taken and I shall be grateful if proceedings could please be instituted at once and an explanation given as to the reason for the present delay.

Sh. Miller
Sgt. Miller, Col.
Allied Commission
Liaison Officer

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Allied Commission
Liaison Officer

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8 Jun 1945	

Copy to: C.I.O., Legal Sub-Commission
H.Q. Allied Commission, C.I.F.

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TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION, AC
 (RAIL DIVISION)
 c/o Transportation (Br) Main
 C.M.F.

Tel. 843238
 Ref. AC/331/Tn 4

16 May 1945

SUBJECT : Firm of Ferrobeton.

TO : Legal Sub-Comm. HQ AC

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1. Reference your AC/4053/3/L.
2. A further report has been received from Security Division concerning this firm and 2 copies are attached hereto.

Anthony May
 Director

LEGAL SUB-COMMISSION	
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Chief Counsel	
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Italian Section	
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17 MAY 1945	

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The Italian company "FERROBETON" has its central office in
ROME, Via Cavour No. 9.

It was one of the most important industrial societies, with
interests, activities, plants and offices in various Italian
cities.

It was constituted on the 3 April 1900 with social capital
of sixteen million lire in 1,000 lire shares.

It was engaged, for the most part, in maritime, civil, industrial
and hydraulic undertakings in ferroconcrete.

It had, and still has today, offices and enterprises in
important centres in Italy, among which the following cities
and neighbouring localities:

GENOA, Via S. Matteo, 14

TORINO

MILANO, Via Romagnesi, 3

VENICE, Calle Carmello S. Camiano 3521.

NAPLES, Via S. Brigida, 51.

PARMA, Via Houel, 4.

In ROVE, at Via Catania 9, it has an experimental laboratory.

It had, in recent years, a vast industrial network, but lost
a large part of its material as a consequence of events during
the war.

It has not been possible to establish whether it undertook
work directly for the Germans after the 8 Sept. 43. In ROME,
however, its industrial activities are very small.

Among the directors of the FERROBETON Society are found
to be:-

PRESIDENT: TERRIZIANI Francesco fu Antonio, born NOLI (Savoia)

23.3.1865, living here at 12, Via Monte Pavelli.

In ROME, too, he held important posts in public and private
firms, among which:-

Member of the Higher Council of the Bank of Italy.

President of the Financial Society of the Edilizia Calabro-Sic-
la (Building Society covering Calabria and Sicily), with chief
office at Via-Catania 9.

President of the Sardinian Institute for Integral Roads, chief
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Among the directors of the PRELUDER Society are found to be:-

PRELUDER: FRANCESCO in Antonio, born NOLI (Savona) 21.3.1868, living her at 12, Via Monte Paviole.

In Rome, too, he held important posts in public and private firms, among which:-

Member of the Higher Council of the Bank of Italy.
President of the Financial Society of the Edilizia Calabro-Siciliana (Building Society covering Calabria and Sicily), with chief office at Via-Catania 9.
President of the Sardinian Institute for Integral Bonds, chief office: Via Catania, 9.
President of the limited Company for Colonial Works in Africa, President of the Italian Society for Maritime Works, head office: Via Catania, 9.
Vice-President of the Italian Society for Maritime Works, head office: Via Catania, 9.

It would not appear that he indulged in Fascist political activity nor that he was personally in contact with the Germans.

Vice-President: GIACCHINI Giuseppe, born CREMONA, 15.2.1876, who lived here in Via Bellini, 10 and transferred about 7 years ago to MILAN, Via G. Grassi, 5. In Rome he held, among others, the following posts:-

Deputy to Parliament before the creation of the chamber of the Pasces and the Corporations.

President of State at the Ministry of Finance until 1937.

Senator of the Realm (nominated 1939).

He held the title (apparently through fascist interest) of Count of LENNO.

He was quite well-known in Rome and enjoyed the friendship of various high personages, among whom were BOTTAI and NUVICH.

Administrative delegate: HUBER Oscar in Oscar, born 15.2.1883.

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SAM GALLO (Switzerland), engineer, living here at 11, Via Ondrone,
He held other positions in industrial societies and companies

Councillors: Ing. DEWEI Eugenio (Not identified); LORO Catullo
(not identified); GAUTSCHI Giovanni, Swiss
Citizen living at 9, Via Carlo Dalci.

Secretary of Council: CAVANNA Giuseppe fu Carlo, born 5.6.1890,
ROME, living now in Via Monte Pavloli, 12.
Nothing of interest in his case.

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Among the directors of the FIMA-SETON Society are found to be:-

MANAGEMENT: FERRICANT, Francesco fu Antonio, born 1911 (Savona)

23.3.1869, living here at 18, Via Santa Pivella.

In ROME, too, he held important posts in public and private firms, among which:-

Member of the Higher Council of the Bank of Italy.

President of the Financial Society of the Edilizia Calabro-Sicula (Building Society covering Calabria and Sicily), with chief office at Via-Catania 9.

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Nothing of interest in his case.

CHARTER 3 - ALLIED COMMISSION
 APO 324
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WBY/et.
 10 May 1945.

SUBJECT : Firm of Ferrobeton - Alleged Illegal Mining of Materials from Allies.

TO : Liaison Officer, Allied Commission, WBI.

1. It is desired that criminal proceedings be instituted in the appropriate Italian Court against the firm S. A. I. Ferrobeton (Rome) and against two of its representatives, PRINI Giuseppe and CIGLIARO Umberto. The proposed charge is that, in breach of an order issued by the prefect of Turin, the accused failed to disclose to the Italian authorities engineering material held by them within Turin province.

2. Your attention is specifically drawn to letter 75/12/c/1047 of 12 Feb 1945 from Officer i/c P.W. Works (Adriatic Turin) to this Commission and to 92 Area II. This letter contains all the information available to this Sub-Commission which is relevant to the charge.

3. The remainder of the file, which is sent to you in case it should be necessary for you to be fully in the picture, contains correspondence resulting from the proposed requisition by the Allied authorities of ~~entire~~ materials belonging to the firm.

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4. You will see from the letter of 12 Feb that the firm apparently failed to disclose the contents of eight (8 seven) stores. The contents are not most particularly specified in the letter. There is a list of articles to be requisitioned which forms part of Transportation Sub-Commission's letter of 31 Mar 45 but it is not known to what extent this list represents the goods of which complaint is made.

5. Will you please therefore arrange to make a formal complaint to the Questura in Turin and request that criminal proceedings for non-disclosure of these goods be started in the appropriate court. If the Questura requires, as is probable, more detailed information as to the goods of which complaint is made, you can presumably obtain this from Lt. Col. G. WIGGERS.

By command of Rear Admiral STODOL:

W. E. DUNN,
 Colonel,
 Deputy Chief Legal Adviser.

Copy to: Transportation 3/1.
 (Rail Division)

SECRETINTER-OFFICE MINUTE

Ref. AC/331/Tn 4

SUBJECT : Firm of Ferrobeton.TO : Legal Sub-Commission HQ AC

1. Attached papers referring to alleged illegal hiding of materials from the Allies are passed to you.
2. Please advise this Sub-Commission of action taken.

Aung Myi
 for Chief
 Rail Division

Transportation Sub-Commission, (Rails)
 Tel. 843238
 3 May 1945

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Chief Counsel	
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Legal Division	
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5 MAY 1945	

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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29 April 1945

SUBJECT: Firm of Ferrobeton - Alleged illegal hiding of materials
from Allies.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.
(Attn: Transportation Sub Commission),
(Rail Division).

1. Ref is to your letter of 24 April 1945 AC/331/Tn4 and enclosures which indicate that the subject firm is charged with wilfully avoiding disclosure of materials which they were bound to declare to the local Italian authorities by a decree issued in this case by the Prefect of Taranto.

2. The matter appears to involve a violation of Italian law by an Italian firm and the papers are accordingly returned with the suggestion that the matter be referred to the Legal Sub Commission.

For the Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

Incls:
as above



F. T. Hammond, Jr.
F. T. HAMMOND, JR.
Colonel, G.S.C.
Legal Adviser

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 334
Transportation Sub-Commission
(Rail Division)

Tel. 843238
Ref. AC/331/Tn 4

24 April 1945

SUBJECT : Firm of Ferrobeton - Alleged illegal hiding of materials
from Allies.

TO : G-5 APHQ

1. The attached file contains full particulars of allegations that the Firm of Ferrobeton wilfully avoided disclosing to Allied authorities certain materials they had available.
2. The papers are submitted for instruction as to action please.

For the Chief Commissioner :

Sd. *W. L. Lindberg*
for M.B. THOMAS, Colonel
Deputy Director.

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