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ACCUMULATOR MANUFACTURE
MAR. 1944 - JAN. 1945

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
INDUSTRY SUB-COMMISSION

HGR/60

Tel.447

5 January 1945

Ref.AC/5595/IND

SUBJECT: Battery Manufacture.

TO : Regional Commissioner Southern Region
(Attn.: Industry Division).

1. The question of manufacture and repair of accumulators for Italian State Railways has again arisen.
2. The requirements of the I.S.R. are very great and at present the only source of supply is importation from U.S.A.
3. The only factory in liberated Italy capable of manufacture or repair of these batteries is "Fabbrica Accumulatori Partenope", Cassalnuovo, Naples and it is understood this factory is at present occupied by a RESE workshop engaged, presumably in repair and assembly of accumulators.
4. It is appreciated that Army requirements are also very great: this is confirmed by the fact that last September over 800 batteries sent by I.S.R. to Partenope for repair, were immediately requisitioned by the occupying unit. Such action of course only aggravates the seriousness of the position on the Railways.
5. It is therefore important to know whether this factory is producing to maximum capacity or if further repairs to the plant could increase production.
6. On 15 Sept.44 the Cmdr. 57 Area refused permission for a survey to be made. Will you therefore please repeat the request to survey the factory and forward the result to this Sub-Commission. Should you wish the technical assistance of a member of this Staff, it will be arranged on your request.

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7. The matter is now urgent and an early report will be appreciated.

For the Chief Commissioner:

Copy to:-

✓ Transportation S/C
(Attn.: Rail Section -
Capt. *Long*).

(Signed) W. S. VAUGHAN
W. S. VAUGHAN
Director,
Industry Sub-Commission

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INDUSTRY SUB-COMMISSION
APO 394

WJM/ggp

Tel. 782

22 August 1944

Ref. ACC/5595/IND

SUBJECT : Electric Batteries
TO : Transportation Sub-Commission. ✓

1. Copy of this Sub-Commission's letter to Regional Commissioner Region IV, dated 19 Aug. 44, is attached for your information.

2. It may be stated that the stocks of raw materials on hand at this plant are relatively trivial.

1 Incl.:
Copy of letter ACC/5595/IND,
dated 19 Aug. 44.

Copy to:
Economic Section.

John S. Todd

J.S.E. TODD
Colonel,
Acting Director,
Industry Sub-Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INDUSTRY SUB-COMMISSION
APO 394

WJM/ggp

Tel. 782

19 August 1944

Ref. ACC/5595/IND

SUBJECT : Electric Batteries.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Region IV
(Attn: Economics & Supply Div.- Maj. Lister.)

1. The stock of batteries and raw materials at the S.A.P.E. (Soc. An. Pile Elettriche), Via Francesco Denza 15, Rome, was blocked by you on 29 July 1944.

2. The Company has applied to this Sub-Commission for permission to continue work until their stocks of raw materials are exhausted. This would provide employment for 50 workpeople.

3. The firm's statement of stocks of raw materials has been checked, and these are not required for any more important purpose. It has therefore been agreed that:-

- a) Orders on hand at 11 August 1944 as indicated in the first paragraph of the Company's letter to you of that date under the heading 'Pile in Magazzino' be executed at the original contract prices, as otherwise the batteries will perish.
- b) Further activities be permitted until raw materials on hand are used up; sales of completed products to be controlled, as to price, by the Minister of Industry, Commerce and Labour, under advice from Commerce Sub-Commission, A.C.C.

4. Please therefore, proceed accordingly, by releasing the plant and filling stocks so far as is required to comply with para. 3(a). Activities as outlined in 3(b) could recommence at once - but sales should be made until official prices are fixed.

By order of Captain STONE (USNR) :

Copy to : Maj. H.C. Thornitt Smith
Commerce S/C (Capt. Murphy)
S.A.P.E / File 5577

J.S.E. TODD
Colonel,
Acting Dir., Industry & C

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INDUSTRY SUB-COMMISSION
APO 394

Tel. 782

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Ref. ACC/5595/IND

22 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Electric Batteries

TO : Regional Commissioner, Region III
(Attn: Economics & Supply Division)

1. On 28 March 44 this sub-commission, in reply to a request for derequisition of their plant, wrote to the Fabbrica Accumulatori Partenope, Naples, desiring a note of the condition of the plant, and requirements of raw materials. No reply has yet been received to this letter.

2. The plant was at that time occupied by RENE who were not utilising its manufacturing capacity.

3. The Italian Minister of Communications (Railways) now renews the request for derequisition.

4. As most of the materials for battery manufacture need to be imported, and as it is understood that the premises and plant may be in bad condition, it is requested that up to date information be supplied this Sub-Commission. Copy of the letter referred to in para (1) is attached.

By Order of Capt. STONE (USNR): (Signed) JOHN S. E. TODD
JOHN S. E. TODD (initials)

J. S. E. TODD
Colonel,
Acting Director,
Industry Sub-Commission.

1 Incl:
Ltr. (COPY) to Fab. Accum. Partenope,
Naples, ref. ACC/5089/IC dtd 28 Mar. 44.

Copy to:
✓ Transportation S/O

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INDUSTRY & COMMERCE SUB-COMMISSION
APO 394

Ref. ACC/5089/IND

28 March 1944

SUBJECT: Accumulator Manufacture

TO : Fabbrica Accumulatori Partenope, Casella Postale n.1
Naples

1. Your letter of 4 Mar.⁴⁴ has been passed to this sub-commission for investigation and recommendation.
2. In order that the position may be clarified the following information is requested.
 - a. Condition of plant, e.g. damaged or not.
 - b. State of machine installations.
 - c. Stock of raw materials.
 - d. Quantities and varieties of raw and auxiliary materials necessary for the recommencement of activities, stating whether the demands can be met from sources in liberated Italy, or whether importation is necessary.
 - e. Fuel requirements.
 - f. Electric power requirements.

By command of Lieut. General MASON MACFARLANE:

W.P. EVANS
Colonel
Director, Industry & Comm.
Sub-Commission

Copy to:
Public Works & Utilities S/C

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INDUSTRY SUB-COMMISSION
APO 394

WJM/ggp

22 August 1944

Tel. 782

Ref. ACC/5595/IND

SUBJECT : Fabbrica Accumulatori Partenope.
TO : Transportation Sub-Commission.

1. Your letter of 17 Aug. ref. TN/148/4.

2. The firm of Partenope has not, until this moment, replied to the letter written by this Sub-Commission on 28 March 44, so that it has not been possible to take further steps.

3. A request has been sent to Region III to survey the plant, and estimate requirements for raw materials, most of which it is feared, must be imported if the establishment is to work.

Copy to :
Economic Section

John S. Todd
J.S.E. TODD
Colonel,
Acting Director,
Industry Sub-Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Transportation Sub-Commission
APO 394

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Tel.: 478701

Our reference : ACC Tn/148/4
Date : 17 Aug. 1944

TO : Director, Industry & Commerce Sub-Commission.

SUBJECT: Fabbrica Accumulatori Partenope.

1. Reference is to attached translation of letter received from the Italian Ministry of Communications (Railways) with regard to the derequisitioning of the plant of this firm at Castelnuovo di Napoli.
2. An application from the Firm in question was passed to you on 18 March last and was dealt with under your reference ACC Tn/5089/IG
3. Can you please advise me as to the present position.

J. S. Dean
D.S. ADAMS
Colonel, C.E.
Tn. Sub-Comm.

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Ministry of Communications
State Railways
General Direction

Rome, 7 August 1944.

No. I.8/24 C/14535/151/406.

Work and Construction Service

TO : Allied Control Commission
Transportation Sub-Commission, Rome

SUBJECT : Battery Service
Battery Manufacture, "PARTENOPE" Casalnuovo di Naples.

1. For Railway operations a great number of special batteries are used for the following services: -
 - a) trains, electric lighting system;
 - b) auxiliary service on direct current a locos;
 - c) operation of telegraphs, telephones, switch boards and central apparatus;
 - d) starting of Diesel -cars, shunting Diesel-cars etc.
2. The maintenance and reconstruction service of these types of batteries, entrusted with contract from 1st January 1943 to the battery factory PARTENOPE, was done in the establishment of this firm at Casalnuovo di Napoli, which was the only establishment of this kind in all the territory of liberated Italy.
3. The establishment of Casalnuovo di Napoli has been military occupied since 6.1.1944 by the D/C.A.B.W.R.E.M.E. and the entrance has been forbidden to the Direction of the battery-factory "Partenope" which, owing to this situation, cannot maintain its contract.
4. Since the re-operating work is beginning, this Administration needs that the mentioned battery manufacture "Partenope" should at once recommence its works, even under the control of the supervision of Allied Forces, in order to re-operate its own railway services, also in the interest of the F.F.A.A. (Allied Forces) especially for regular illumination of ambulance train, of military train and for the operation of phones, telegraphs and central apparatus.

5. We ask therefore:
 - a) to investigate the possibility of derequisitioning the establishment of Castelnuovo di Napoli and of authorizing the battery factory "Partenope" to re-operate even under the control or supervision of the A-

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5. We ask therefore:
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 - b) if this is impossible we suggest at least to leave disposable to the above society under the control and supervision of the Allies, that part of the factory which is not used by the R.M.E. and which is reserved to the construction and creation of battery-plates.
 - c) if eventually this second solution is not possible, we beg you to consider if at present it would at least be possible that the Allied Military Commission, will construct the battery-plates and sell them to the firm Partenope or to this administration.

THE GENERAL DIRECTOR
M. Reimondo



MINISTERO
DELLE COMUNICAZIONI

FERROVIE DELLO STATO
DIREZIONE GENERALE

Servizio Lavori e
Costruzioni.-

OGGETTO

Servizio accumulatori
Fabbrica Accumulatori
Partenope - Casalnuo-
vo di Napoli.-

ALLEGATI N. _____

Roma, 7 Aprile 1944

N. L. 8/240/14535/151/406

Al N. _____

del _____

TN. SC.

A. C. C.

Allied. Control Commission
Sotto Commissione Trasporti

R O M A

- 1° Per il servizio ferroviario viene usato un rilevante numero di batterie accumulatori speciali per i seguenti servizi:
 - Illuminazione treni;
 - Servizi ausiliari sui locomotori a corrente continua;
 - Funzionamento telegrafi, telefoni, centralini ed apparati centrali;
 - Avviamento automotrici a combustione interna, carrelli automotori di manovra, ecc.
- 2° Il servizio di manutenzione e ricostruzione di detti tipi di batterie, affidato con contratto in vigore dal 1° Gennaio 1943 alla Fabbrica Accumulatori "Partenope", veniva espletato nello stabilimento di questa Ditta a Casalnuovo di Napoli, unico stabilimento del genere in tutto il territorio dell'Italia liberata.
- 3° Lo stabilimento di Casalnuovo di Napoli è stato militarmente occupato fino dal 6/1/1944 dalla

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D/C.A.B.W.R.E.M.E. e nello stesso viene impedito l'accesso alla Dirigenza della Fabbrica Accumulatori "Partenope", che si trova nella condizione di non poter far fronte ai propri impegni.

42 Questa Amministrazione per poter procedere al riordino dei propri servizi ferroviari, nell'interesse stesso delle FF.AA.A., con particolare riguardo della regolare illuminazione dei treni ospedale, delle tradotte militari e del funzionamento dei telefoni, telegrafi ed apparati centrali, di mano in mano che verrà proceduto al lavoro di riattamento, ha necessità che la nominata Fabbrica Accumulatori "Partenope" sia rimessa in grado di riprendere, sia pure sotto il controllo o la Dirigenza degli organi Alleati, le proprie lavorazioni.

52 Si richiede pertanto:

- a) di voler esaminare la possibilità di procedere alla derequisizione del sopra ricordato stabilimento di Casalnuovo di Napoli e autorizzare la Fabbrica Accumulatori "Partenope" a riprendere la sua attività lavorativa sia pure sotto il controllo o la Dirigenza degli Alleati;
- b) qualora quanto sopra risultasse impossibile, mettere almeno a disposizione della prefata Società quella parte di

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DIREZIONE GENERALE

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ALLEGATI N.

Stabilimento adibita alla costruzione e formazione delle piastre che, a quanto viene riferito, non sarebbe utilizzata dalla R.E.M.E. - e ciò sempre sotto il controllo e la Dirigenza degli Alleati;

- c) se anche questa soluzione subordinata non potesse essere sollecitamente raggiunta, si prega esaminare se non fosse almeno possibile, per il momento, far costruire nello stabilimento in parola, a cura dello stesso Ente Militare Alleato che lo occupa, le parti di accumulatori (piastre) occorrenti per la manutenzione delle nostre batterie, e fornirle a pagamento, o alla predetta "Partenope", o direttamente a questa Amministrazione.

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IL DIRETTORE GENERALE

Ugo R. R. R.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INDUSTRY & COMMERCE SUB-COMMISSION
APO 394

WJM/jf1

29 March 1944

Ref. ACC/5089/IC

SUBJECT: Accumulator Manufacture

TO : Internal Transportation ACMF

1. Your ACC/Tn/50/22 of 18 Mar. 44 refers.
2. Attached is copy of today's letter to the Fabbrica Accumulatori Partenope.
3. It is felt that a considerable number of items of raw materials will be required by this concern before it can recommence operations, and it is desired to have a complete picture of the necessities for import or domestic supply before any recommendation is made.
4. As soon as information has been received from the firm in question, a survey will, if necessary, be made and a further communication sent you.

Copy to:
Public Works & Utilities S/C

John Stinson
W. P. EVANS
Colonel
Director, Industry & Commerce
Sub-Commission

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INDUSTRY & COMMERCE SUB-COMMISSION
APO 394

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Ref. AOC/3089/10

23 March 1944

SUBJECT: Accumulator Manufacture

TO : Felice Accumulatori Partenope
Naples

1. Your letter of 4 Mar. 44 has been passed to this sub-commission for investigation and recommendations.

2. In order that the position may be clarified the following information is requested.

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By command of Lieut. General MASON MACFARLAND:

Copy to:
Public Works & Utilities S/C

John Stoddard
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W. F. SWAIN
Colonel
Director, Industry & Commerce
Sub-Commission

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Internal Transportation Sub-Commission, ACC.,
C/o Mov & Tn.,
H.Q., A.C.M.F. (Adm. Echelon),
C.M.F.

Our reference: ACC Tn/50/22.

Date : 18 Mar 44.

TO : Director Industry & Commerce Sub-Comm.
H.Q., A.C.C.

SUBJECT : Fabbrica Accumulatori Partenope Naples.

1. Reference attached letter from above firm passed to this Sub-Commission for comments.
2. At present the Italian State Rlys. are operated under the direct control of the Director General Military Railway Services and all requisition for stores are passed to this service for approval and obtaining supplies.
3. The question of repairs and supply of new accumulators by the above firm has been discussed with the D.G.M.R.S.
4. It is stated that to date no heavy demands have been made, but of the orders placed no considerable delay has been experienced in obtaining delivery.
5. It must, however, be anticipated that the demand will considerably increase for maintenance and essential restoration work on railway installations.
6. With regard to road transport vehicles, accumulators are in constant demand for service renewals and with the passing of time the demand will progressively increase as more vehicles are brought into operation.
7. It would therefore appear that the rehabilitation of this firm should be made possible at the earliest date provided that in doing so the efficiency of the military effort is in no way prejudiced.
It is suggested that alternative premises could be found for the unit at present in occupation of this factory.

S.A. S.A. FITCH,
Colonel,
Director, Internal Transportation Sub-Commission, ACC.

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