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Port of Syracuse

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 374
Transportation Sub-Commission

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27 October 1945

Tele. Ext. 318

10/370/3/Ta.3.

SUBJECT : Use of Port of Syracuse

IX : Direzione Generale delle Marine Mercantili
Ministero delle Marine

1. Referate your 7794/2 of 25 September and our 10/605/210/Ta.3. of 22 October.
2. Please note it is proposed shortly to route a collier from Cardiff to Syracuse for discharge. Good discharge tonnage will be expected when this vessel is in port, and future diversions of similar type of colliers will depend upon the rate of discharge.
3. It is not proposed to put oceangoing colliers into Syracuse at present.

for the Director

L. Phelan
W.F. LAFAN,
Major, R.E.

Copy to : Commerce Sub-Commission
(Coal Division)

Tel. 934

HEAD-QUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Transportation Sub-Commission

27/28

Our Ref :- AC/506/210/Tn.).

22 October 1945

SUBJECT :- Use of Port of Syracuse.

TO :- Direzione Generale
della Marina Mercantile
Ministero Marina.

1. Reference your 1794/S of 15 September and our 606/LO/Tn.). of 16 October.

2. Please note the "Joseph Story" ex USA, carrying 5000 tons of bulk wheat is routed to Palermo and Syracuse. 50% of the cargo will be discharged in each port.

3. The Capitane di Porto at Syracuse should keep in touch with the port authorities at Palermo in order to know the eventual arrival date of this vessel at Syracuse. Vessel is due Palermo about 25 October.

4. Bags will be provided for bagging in the hold.

5. It is requested that arrangements be made to ensure a satisfactory working of this ship in Syracuse, which has had little work for some time.

For the Director :-

L. K. ...
L. K. ...
Major R.S.

Copy to :- Food 2/3
Ports & Shes.

Department of Defense
Transportation Sub-Commission

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Ref: 100

10 October 1945

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Subject: Use of port of Syracuse

TO : Bureau of Customs
Sally Maria Verantile
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1. Subject of your letter of 10 Sept '45.
2. The possibility of an increased use of the port of Syracuse for colliers and food ships is being studied by the sub-commission concerned.
3. A grain ship will probably be put into the port shortly for partial discharge. You will be given due notice in order to ensure efficient working after a lapse of some months without work in this port.
4. The attached schedule shows the distribution of ships in Sicilian ports since July. It will be noticed that with the ships involved it is impossible to handle the port of New York with the labor employed. Part from port facilities, the eventual distribution of cargo in the chief factor in handling such ports of New York.

For the Director

W. H. ...
Major ...

Copy to : Bureau of Customs/Port Division
Food sub-commission

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PORT	JULY			AUGUST			SEPTEMBER	
	No. of ships	CARGO	TONS	No. of ships	CARGO	TONS	No. of ships	CARGO
BALBOA	1	Pyrites	1000	1	Coal	15000	1	Coal
	2	Coal	8000	2	Misc.	500	3	Gen. mags
	1	Sheet	6000					
	2	Misc.	1500					
DATIOLA	2	Coal	13200	3	Coal	26000	5	Coal
	3	Sheet	26600	1	Pyrites	1500		
PORTO MORE OCE	-	-	-	1	Coal	2700	1	Pyrites
	-	-	-	1	Pit Props	1048		
PHOENIA	3	Sheet	26300	1	Coal	1250	1	Sheet
STRACUSE	1	Coal	6000	-	-	-	-	-

AUGUST				SEPTEMBER			OCTOBER 1-15th		
TONS	No. of ships	CARGO	TONS	No. of ships	CARGO	TONS	No. of ships	CARGO	TONS
1000 3000 3000 1500	3 2	Coal Misc.	15000 500	1 3	Coal Gen. mags	8552 10000	3 2 1	Coal Misc. Wheat	19000 2500 7700
14200 24600	3 1	Coal Pyrites	24500 1500	5	Coal	33000	1	Coal	5000
-	1 1	Coal Fit Props	2700 1048	1	Pyrites	1900	-	-	-
26300	1	Coal	1250	1	Wheat	8528	1	Wheat	3600
6000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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OCT 17 1130A
ROUTINE

SYRACUSA

ALLIED COMMERCIAL TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMISSION AREA

UNCLASSIFIED.

In order to relieve the trouble of the workers of the of SYRACUSE that have been for a long period without any employment for deficiency of merchant ships I beg you to send some ships loaded of coal or what appointed to SICILY if possible directly to the S/H port for the merchandises allotted to the province of SYRACUSE and RAGUSA I am waiting answer very thanks. COUNCIL MEMBERS SYRACUSE

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ACTION: To SC 2
INFO: Chief Commissioner
Room Sec 2
Coal Div 2
Labour SC
File 2
Floor



Handwritten notes:
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570/411

Port of SIRACUSA

entrance 180 ft depth *from 10 ft to 20 ft depth*

Berth No 1	650	ft long	27	depth	(see 10 ft 11' 6")
2	485	"	26	"	acc. to 10 ft 11' 6"
3	715	"	25	"	shelving to 6'
4	650	"	25	"	
5	485	"	24	"	6'

Berth 1-2-3 rail served -
 cargo operated by ship's gear -
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2 electric cranes 5 T -

16 ft 10 ft

Attention:

from Ports & Warehouses

no longer available

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by name file

Band fill gun 350 = 40 units 7 ^{unit} 30 ^{unit}
 di punta

Pavile Zamagora 72 ^{unit} 7 25.50
 5 ^{unit} Now

Band Mossini - 150 - 220 - 7 ^{unit} 15 ^{unit} dalle
 bande

Band Garreng lato Nord 180 ^{unit} 7.50

Star Mark 200 x 10 = 7.50

Pavile S Antares E 210 - } 2.50

S 145 -

W 225 -

125 -

8.50

rail

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100 ^{unit} import per
 band affondate

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850 230
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TRANSLATION

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SUBJECT : Port of Syracuse

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TO : Transportation S/C

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1. Referring to what has been said by me verbally on the same subject we inform you that the Prefecture and the Chamber of Commerce of Syracuse taking vital part in the complaints of the workers of the port, nearly unemployed for lack of traffic, prospect the possibility that in the schedule of Allied ships going to Sicily to unload cereals and coal Syracuse be kept present specially for those goods going to this province and the surrounding of Ragusa.

2. This will resolve the question of the rail-cars of which the lack is known- which instead of being used for the movement of the above mentioned goods from other ports to the population, could be used for other service.

3. We will appreciate an answer.

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St. Gen. of the R.M.I.

General Director of the Merchant Marine

Original in file 653



28 SET 1945

Abstract

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Ministero della Marina

DIREZIONE GENERALE
DELLA MARINA MERCANTILE

CONTINUOUS AIRWAY
POSITIVE PRESSURE (CPAP)

50 U.S.C. § 160101

Parasitica 275 16
Sub. 7 5754/2 *alligata*

River side and higher shore
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OGGETTO: Nota di dimissioni.

Si gradisce un cortese cenno al ricevitore. 28

Chadwick

Gen. Charles W. Smith A. S. C.
Director General John Martin Armstrong

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FILE

Tel. 514

EXHIBITARY AIRLINE COMMISSION
APO 394
Transportation Sub-Commission

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LC/370/4/Tn.]

15 September 1945

SUBJECT : Use of Syracuse.

TO : Cameron S/O
(Coal Div)

1. The port of Syracuse has had few ships within recent months and this has caused some discontent amongst the port workers.

2. The Minister of Transport has requested that the possibility of sending colliers to Syracuse should be considered. Perhaps you will go into this question, as it is noticed that 15,000 tons is programmed each month for Ontario and an occasional diversion to Syracuse might be equally convenient.

L.H. Larimer
L.H. LARIMER
Major R.C.

Copy to : File 670/Tn.]
670/Tn.]

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MEMORANDUM

11 Sept. 49

Re: 44-1007

Ref: 30-10/15/FOUR

SUBJECT: Great Escape ex. U.S.A.

FROM: Food Sub-Commission

TO: Transportation Sub-Commission

1. Reference your AC/005/194/m3 dated 1 September 1949.

2. It is agreed that some of the ships intended for transportation of Sicily should discharge at Syracuse, to avoid unnecessary transport by rail and road.

3. In requesting future diversions for maintenance of Sicily, about one ship will be requested for Syracuse every three months.

FRANK M. BOHANN
Lt. Col., U.S.A.
Director, Food Sub-Commission

Copy to:

Ministry of Food
Federal House, Rome

TRANSLATION

GB/lat

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORTS

Ref: 1339 - /S.P.

Rome 4 September 1945
R.A. DCC/3/ -

SUBJECT : Port Labourers.

TO : ALLIED COMMISSION
Commerce Sub-Commission
Coal Division
APO 394

1. The workmen of the port of Siracusa are since a long time unemployed, owing to the fact that steamers do not moor any more in that port.

2. The crisis has become worse and discontent has increased because all the commodities shipped for the Island are discharged in the port which are surely not better equipped than that of Siracusa. Therefore it is requested a better distribution of the work.

3. Please examine the possibility of sending to Siracusa some coal steamer and notify us the adopted measures.

(sgd) UGO LA MIA

TO: ALLIED COMMISSION
Transportation Sub-Commission
APO 394

Apud Coal 1/2

Copy 3 file 606

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A. MINISTERO DEL TRASPORTO

P. 1334 / P. A.

Roma, 12.11.1945

N. A.UEC/3/

OGGETTO: Lavoratori dei porti.

Spett. COMMISSIONE ALLEATA

Sub Commissione Commercio, Coal Div.

Sub Commissione Trasporti

APQ 194

- 1) Le maestranze del porto di Siracusa sono da lungo tempo in stato di disoccupazione per il mancato scale nel porto stesso di piroscafi.
- 2) La crisi si è insediata al punto da determinare un preoccupante malumore dovuto dal fatto che tutte le merci destinate all'isola vengono scaricate in altri porti non certo meglio attrezzati di quello di Siracusa e chiedono pertanto una equa ripartizione del lavoro.
- 3) Si prega ora di volere esaminare la possibilità di destinare a Siracusa qualche piroscapo carbonifero favorendo cortese comunicazione del provvedimento che sarà adottato.

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Tel. 478092

TRANSPORTATION SUB COMMISSION

KE/lr

INTER OFFICE MEMO

AC/665/194/Tn.3

7 September 1945

SUBJECT : Wheat ships ex U.S.A.

TO : Food Sub-Comm.

The attached copy of letter dated 3 September from Ministry of Marine is passed to you for information.

Your comments would be appreciated.

For the Director :

M.P. LARAHAN
Major R.E.

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" Following the note received from the Prefect of Syracuse, the Ministry of Interior pointed out the necessity that the Allied Authorities should give instructions in order that the ships carrying wheat from U.S.A. should discharge also at Syracuse, as this would considerably diminish the unemployment among the workers of this port. "

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Proceduto al disarmo, ne sono state trovate 1 opportunita' che e'

autorita' allente competenti disconferma parola i pirouetti
della lesione tutto, escludi il trasporto di frumento, appro-
dare anche nel porto di Girone, dato che tale provvedimento
contribuirebbe notabilmente ad allargare il mercato della
disoccupazione negli ambienti industriali di tutta Italia.

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Clarkson

Following the note received from the Prefect of Syracuse,
the Ministry of Interior pointed out the necessity that the
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the ships carrying refugees from U.S.A. should discharge also
at Syracuse, as this would considerably diminish the unemployment
among the workers of this port.

At Cap. Boni
Transportation Sub Commission
Nominally Shipping
Room 48 - 3rd floor across

Roma

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Clarkson

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
Transportation Sub-Commission
Ports & Warehouse Division

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Port: Genoa

Syracuse, Sicily

1. Brief Physical Description

The Port of Syracuse consists of two harbours, i.e., Porto Grande & Porto Piccolo.

Porto Piccolo is used only by fishing boats and for the repair of schooners. It will therefore be excluded from this report.

Porto Grande is a natural open harbour (actually a bay) formed by an island at the east side connected to the north mainland by a bridge, and bounded on the north and west sides by the mainland.

2. Shipping Traffic

There is a present average of 50 schooners per month, mainly discharging timber from Calabria and loading citrus fruits and wine.

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5. Wharves and Berths

Please refer to attached map for locations. 0839

No. of Wharf	Length	Depth
1	600'	27'
2	465'	26'
3	715'	6' to 20'
4	650'	20'
5	465'	20' 6"
6	730'	7' 6" to 8'
7	500'	7'
8	540'	6'
9	340'	8' 6"
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Porto Grande entrance channel depth is 60 ft.

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6. Electric Current

3 Phase, A.C., 50 cycles, 150/160 volts, is available.

7. Water Supply

Piped water is available to major quays.

8. Coal Bunkers

A coal bunker of 200 ton capacity is located at Berths 1, 2 and 3.

9. Oil Bunkers

There is a large oil bunker of undetermined capacity.

10. Railroad Sidings

Railroad sidings serve Berths 1, 2 and 3.

11. Warehouses

There has been no destruction of warehouses and a number of undetermined capacity, are available.

12. Dry Docks

None.

13. Repair Facilities

One plant capable of ordinary repair work.

14. Dredgers

None.

15. Tug Boats

One small tug boat is available.

16. Maintenance Facilities

There are two electrically operated 5-ton cranes located

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16. Hoisting facilities

There are two electrically operated 5 - ton cranes located at Berths 1 and 3. One is in operating condition and the other requires repairs and new hoisting cable.

17. Grain elevators

None.

18. Lighthouse

None

19. Stevedore Equipment

There is sufficient stevedore gear on hand for present and potential operations, now owned by Companhia Portuaria and

Compagnia S. Sebastiano, Syracuse.
Cargoes are handled with ship's gear.

20. Stevedores Contractors.

Compagnia Portuale
Compagnia S. Sebastiano

21. Labor

A dock labor pool of 500 men is available. There is a labor surplus.

22. Port Captain

Lt. Col. Giuseppe Di Majo- Tel.No.1596 Syracuse, Tel.Address
COSSADAME, Syracuse

23. Fed. Consorzio Agrari.

Has not operated at this port prior to inspection.

24. I.S.T.

This agency is operating efficiently in the export of citrus fruits destined for British Govt.

25. Military Cargoes

No responsibility on the part of A.C. military cargoes are not discharged at this port. Should any be discharged in future, the permanent B.E.T. Representative will notify, and be governed by the instructions of, the appropriate military authorities at Porto Cal.

26. General Comments

There is a dock labor surplus at Syracuse.
It is suggested that the feasibility of discharging coal at Syracuse be studied. Coal destined for Russia is now being discharged at Catania and transported by rail wagon. The rail haul could be shortened by discharging at Syracuse. Berths 1, 2 and 3 can accommodate vessels drawing up to 24 ft., and discharge can be made direct to rail wagons. If the suggestion

22. Peri Carlsen

Lt. Col. Giuseppe Di Maio - Tel. No. 1696 Syracuse, Tel. Address
COMADAM, Syracuse

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Stanley P. France
STANLEY P. FRANCE
Port Liaison Officer

Attachments . -

- 1 Town and Port Plan
- 6 Aerial Photos of Syracuse and Harbour

Summary of Recommendations

1. Study feasibility of diverting coal destined for Regus and nearby cities from Catania to Syracuse (Item 26)





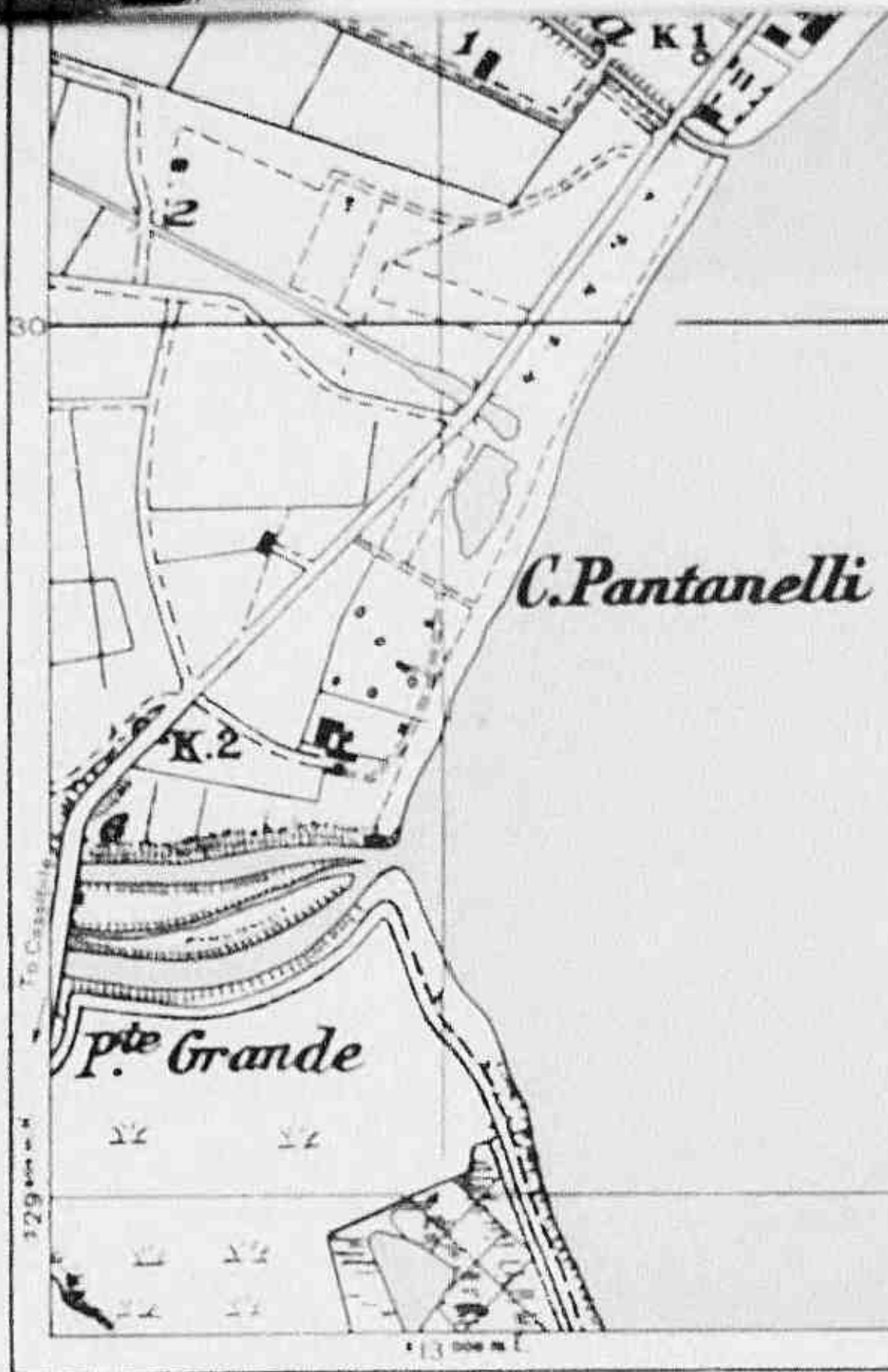
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Banchina M

Porto

C. Pantanelli

TOWN
SIRAC

Yards 250 0
Metres 250 0

1 PALAZZO DEL GOVERNO	7 OSP
2 CASA DEL FASCIO	8 ARS
3 MUNICIPIO	9 TRM
4 QUESTURA	10 OSI
5 SEDE PROV. DEL R.A.C.I.	11 CAS
6 POSTE E TELEGRAFI	12 PAL

M.O.R. 539/7952

REFER TO THIS MAP AS
SIRACUSA TOWN PLAN OF SIRACUSA

Banchina Nuova

Darsena

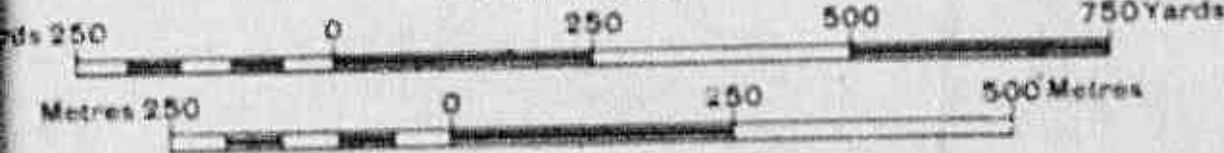
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Capitaneria

Fonte Aretusa

TOWN PLAN OF SIRACUSA

Scale 1:7,500



PALAZZO DEL GOVERNO
CASA DEL FASCIO
MUNICIPIO
QUESTURA
SEDE PROV. DEL R.A.C.I.
POSTE E TELEGRAPHI

7 OSPEDALE MARITTIMO
8 ARSENALE ANTICO
9 TRIBUNALE
10 OSPEDALE CIV.
11 CASTELLO MANIACE
12 PAL. DEGLI STUDI

CHURCH
13 STAZ. MARITTIMA
14 STAZIONE F.S.

Castello
Faro
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