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ABSTRACT FROM MONTHLY REPORT (FEBRUARY 1945) TO LT. COL. SCOMCINE

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OLBIA

There is a long berth, 150 meters by 60 meters. Draft at pier's head is 6 meters, also alongside. Rail line serves port to within ship's tackle, double tracks. Space is available for stockpile between 3,000/4,000 tons. Commander O'Donnald, R. N. Liaison Officer at Maddalena informed us mines have been cleared from port and it can be used safely. About 90 longshoremen are available. Harbor pilot is also available.

Fresh water can be had at a rate of 5 tons per hour, however, Port Captain suggests steamers take water at Civitavecchia for the round trip, as there is a shortage of water at Olbia.

Livestock shipments can be best handled for loading at Olbia, where the port Veterinarian will examine each animal before shipment. Commerce and Industry representative at Cagliari informed there are 350 head of cattle and 100 sheep now at Cagliari awaiting shipment, therefore, it would be advisable to send the "Longano" on her first voyage to lift this livestock, however, all concerned are very anxious to change livestock shipments of Olbia as soon as Cagliari is cleared of her present livestock tonnage, giving as one of their reasons the excessive cost of pasturage at Cagliari, whereas, at Olbia, the pasture lanes are available close to the port. Suggest cattle chute be constructed and used by the "Longano". Could load and discharge in one day each; this method was used before the war.

OLBIA.

The Port of Olbia in the North West of the Island was formerly the second commercial port of Sardinia and used to handle the mail and passenger traffic to Italy. The harbour consists of a narrow inlet about three miles long with an entrance channel of 420 feet wide and a minimum depth of 29 feet. The town and quays stand at the head of the harbour which is much obstructed by islets, shoals and rocks. From the town a causeway of 40 feet wide extends three quarters of a mile towards the entrance channel. A road and single standard gauge railway track runs to the head of the causeway and this railway connection permits direct traffic to all parts of the island served by the Italian State Railways.

Attached is a sketch giving the layout of the Harbour and a schedule of the berths.

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In the case of the vessels alongside the Stazione Marittima Mole, the one on the north side is a complete wreck and will be required to be cut up for removal. The one on the south side is floating and could be towed away if it is desired to use the berth. The fifth ship is sunk alongside the Molo Capitaneria.

All salvage work is in the hands of the Italian Navy but there is little evidence on site of any serious attempt being made to carry out this work.

The causeway has been damaged in several places likewise the railway track but repairs could be easily effected.

All former buildings on the Stazione Marittima are completely demolished and no warehouses are left standing in the port area.

There are no tugs or lighter available for use in the port, but there are two dredgers in full working order.

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Former exports. Cork, cattle, wool and cheese.

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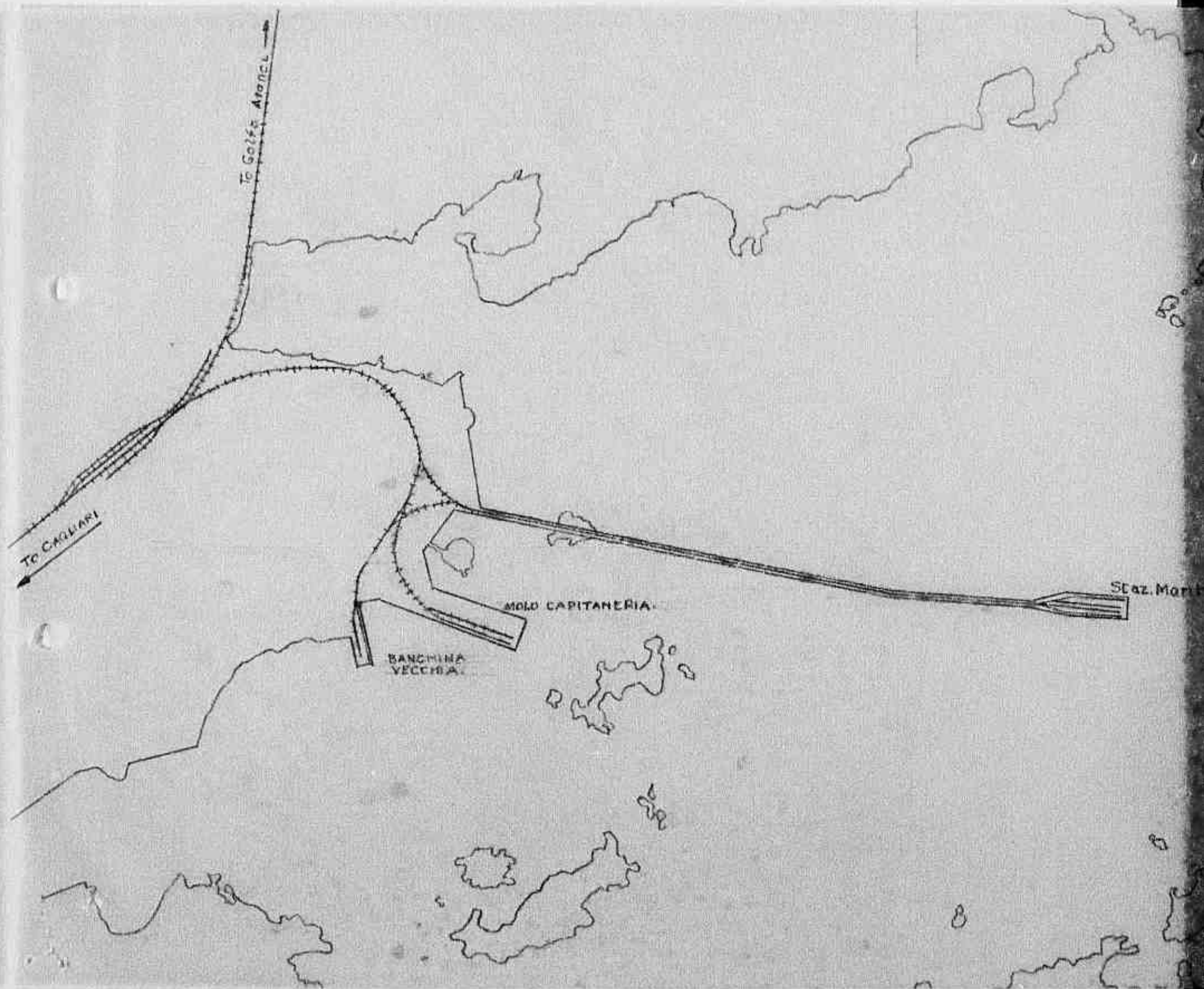
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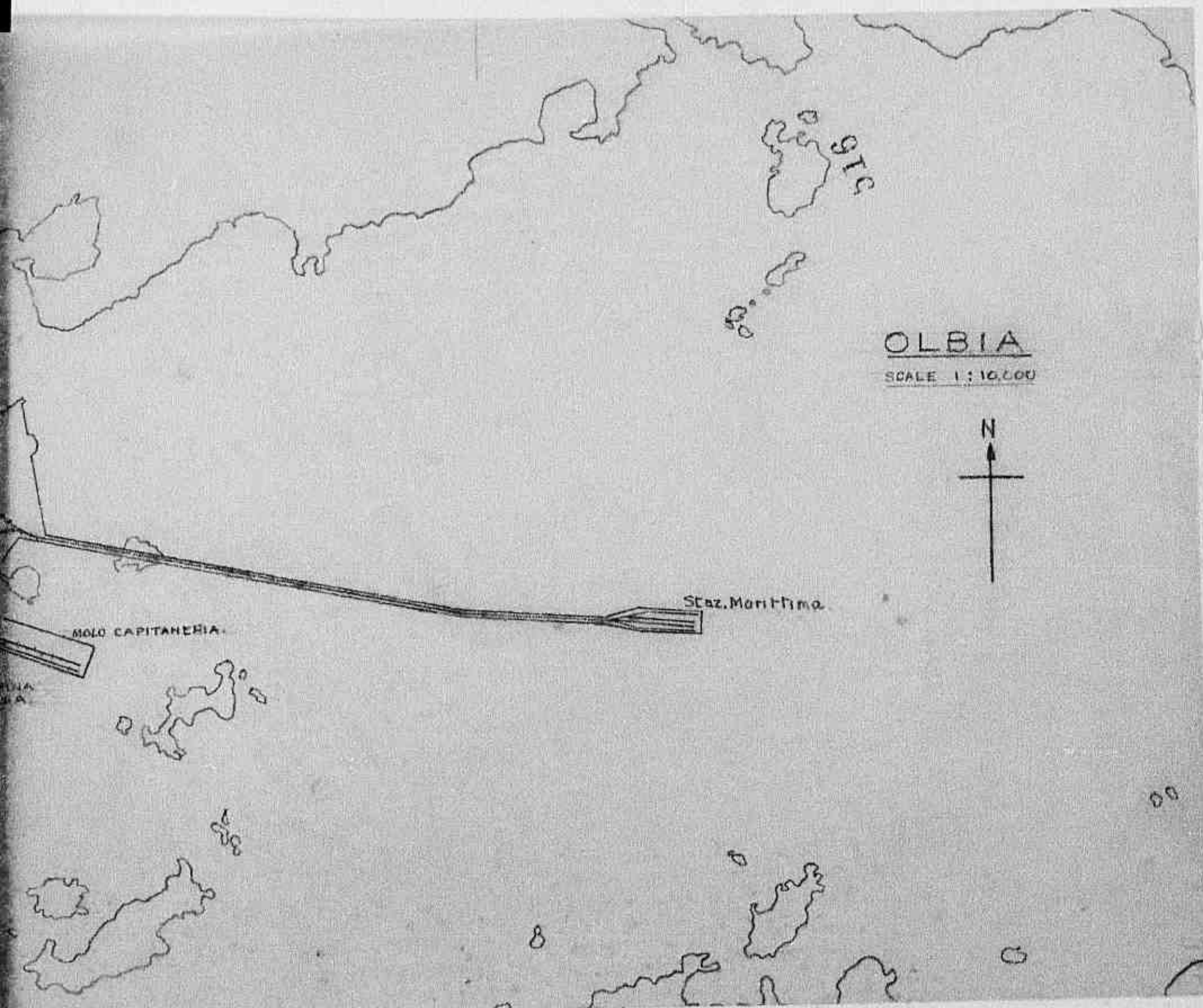
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NAME	Original Depth of Water	Present Depth of Water	Length	Original No. of Berths	Present No of Berths	Cranes	
<u>Stazione Marittima Mole</u>							
North Side	20 ft	29.5 ft	435 ft	Unknown	1/450 ft	Nil	These b during the North s ely blocke South s salvaged a away. All for completely Road and r town.
East Side	18 ft	29.5 ft	100 ft	"	1/100 ft	Nil	
South Side	20 ft	29.5 ft	435 ft	"	1/450 ft	Nil	
<u>Molo Capitaneria</u>							
North Side	1 -11 ft	1 -11 ft	640 ft	-	--	Nil	Good road
East Side	14 ft	12 ft	180 ft	-	--	Nil	" "
South Side	20 ft	24 ft	950 ft	2 small Ships.	1/480 ft	Nil	Berths have One sunk sh length of Good road railway sid
<u>Banchina Vecchia</u>							
East Side	17-18 ft	17 ft	400 ft	-	-	one 25 ton hand crane situated at foot of mole.	Rail tra to road.
West Side	13-15 ft	13 ft	175 ft	-	-		

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OLBIA

Present Depth of Water	Length	Original No. of Berths	Present No of Berths	Cranes	Remarks
9.5 ft	435 ft	Unknown	1/450 ft	Nil	These berths have been dredged during the period of the war. North side of the mole is completely blocked by a sunk ship. South side berth occupied by a salvaged ship which could be towed away. All former buildings on mole head completely destroyed. Road and rail (damaged) connection to town.
9.5 ft	100 ft	"	1/100 ft	Nil	
9.5 ft	435 ft	"	1/450 ft	Nil	
-11 ft	640 ft	-	--	Nil	Good road access. Suitable for lighters only. " " " " "
12 ft	180 ft	-	--	Nil	
24 ft	950 ft	2 small Ships.	1/480 ft	Nil	
17 ft	400 ft	-	-	one 25 ton hand crane situated at foot of mole.	Berths have been dredged during war years One sunk ship blocks approximately half length of quay. Good road access also double track railway sidings. Standard Gauge.
13 ft	175 ft	-	-		

