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PORT REPORT

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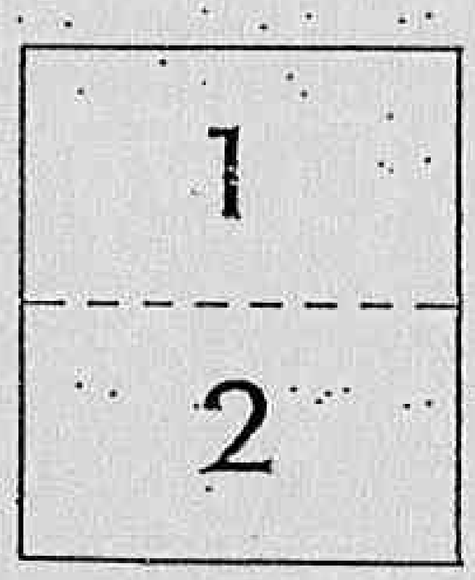

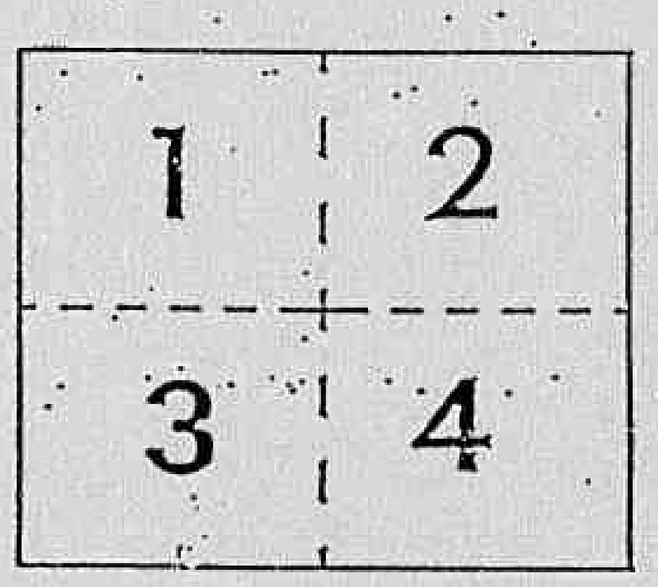

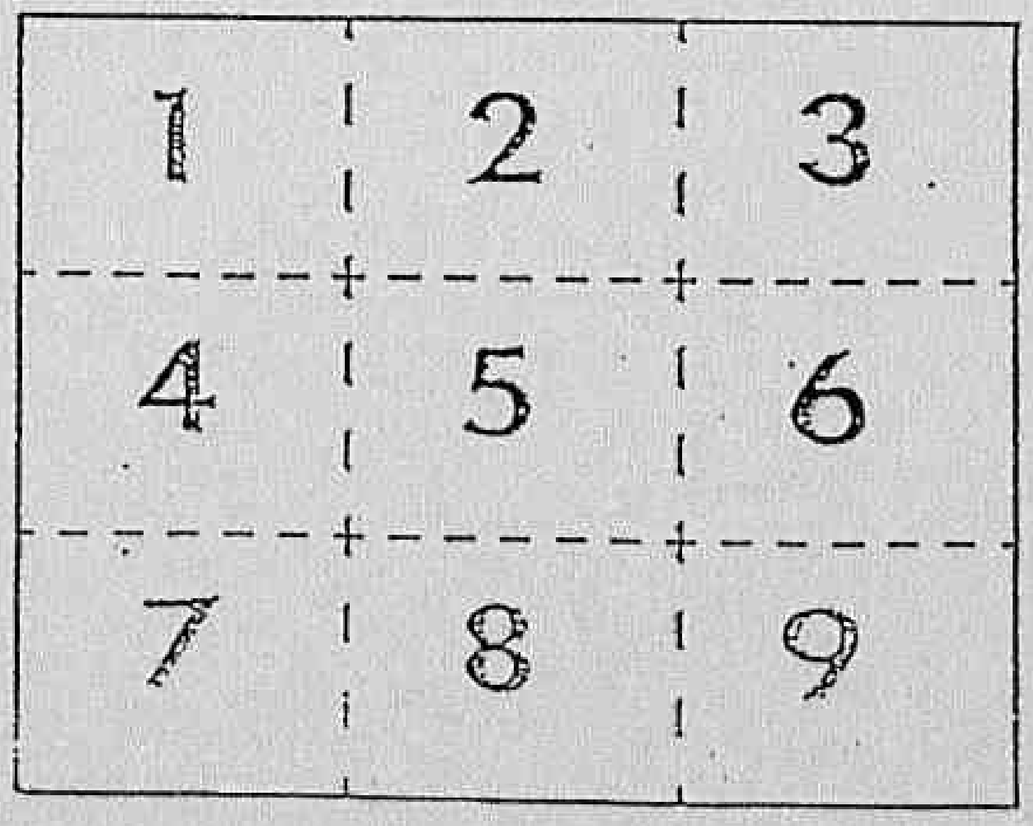

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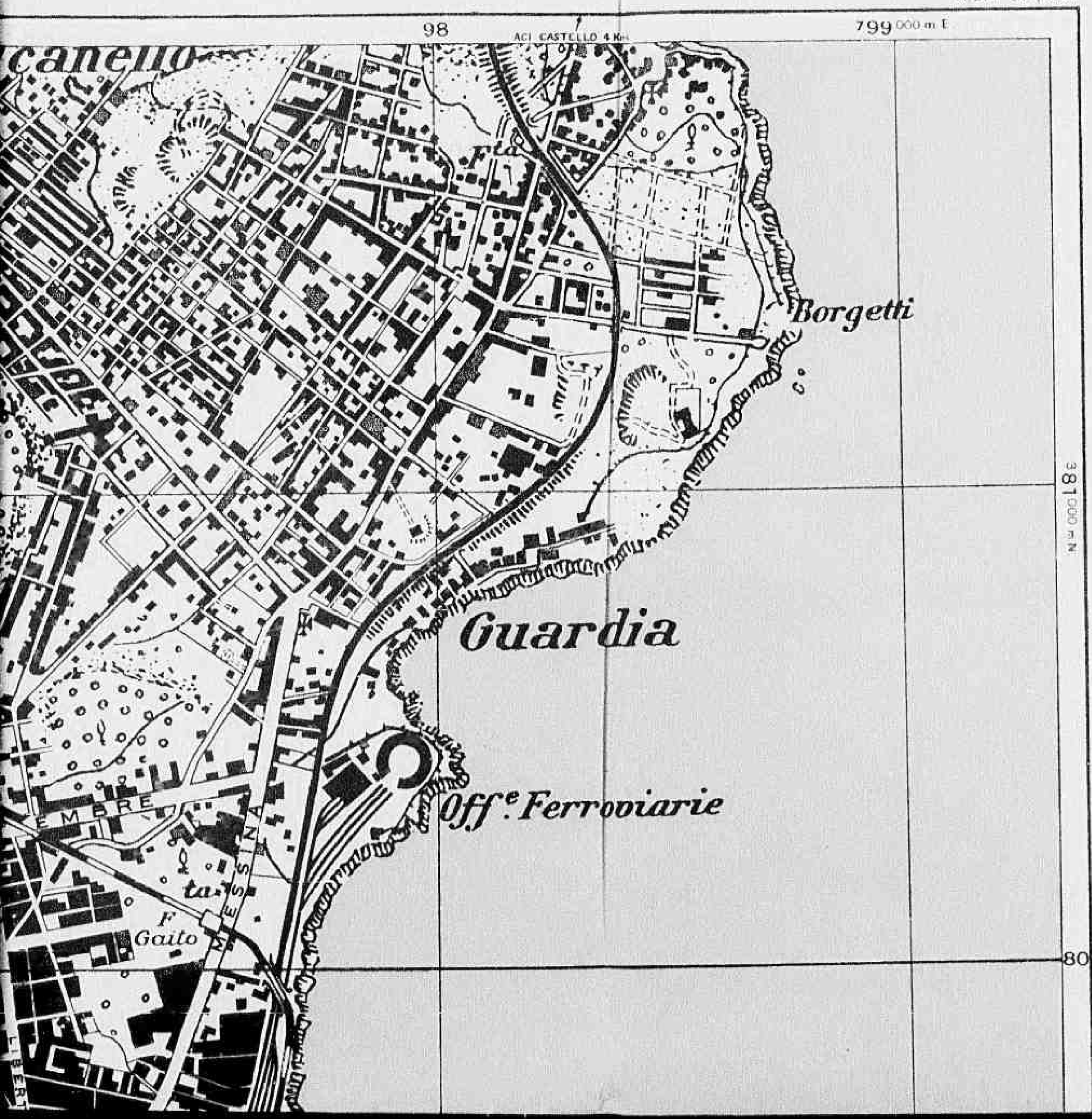

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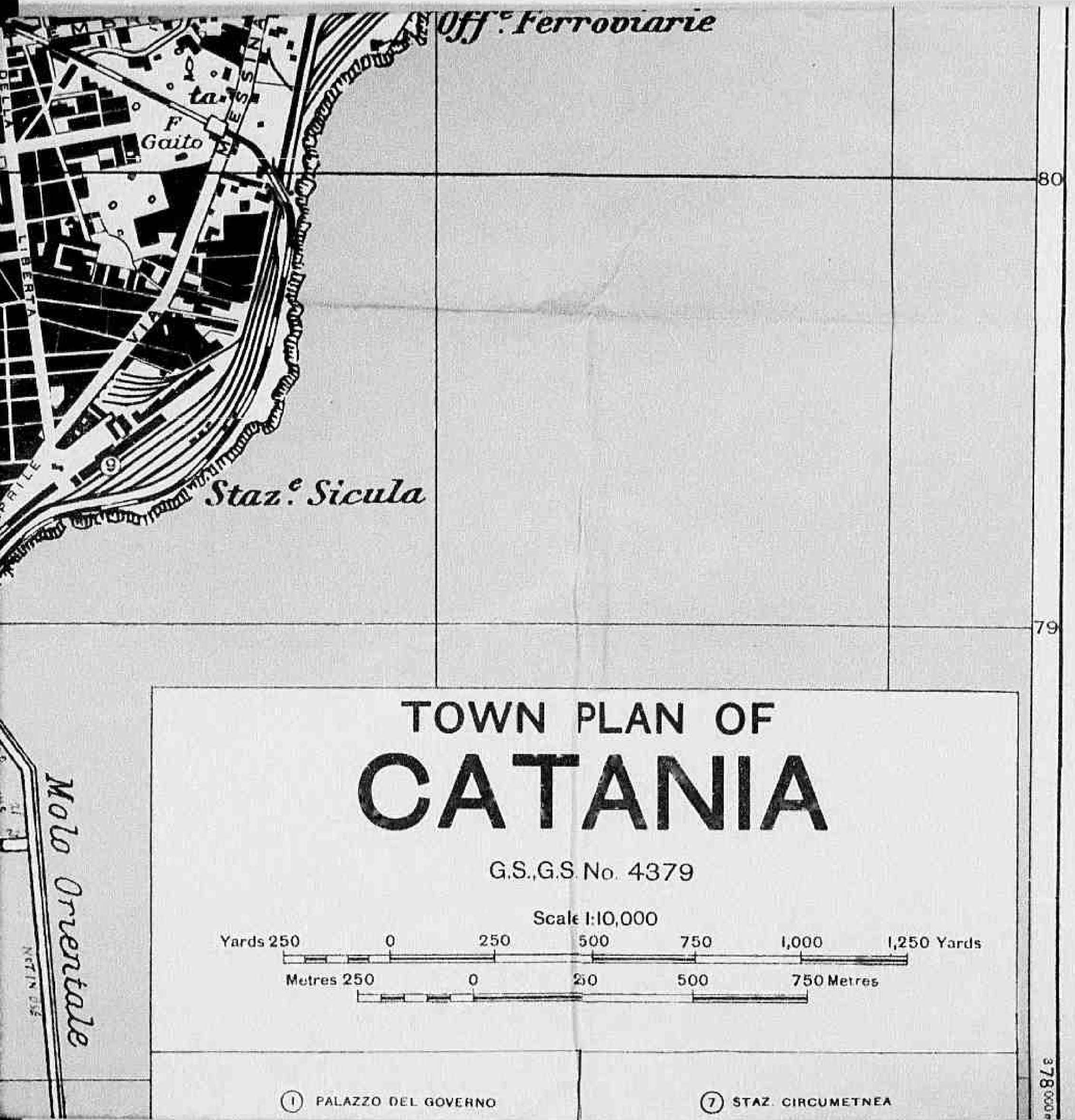

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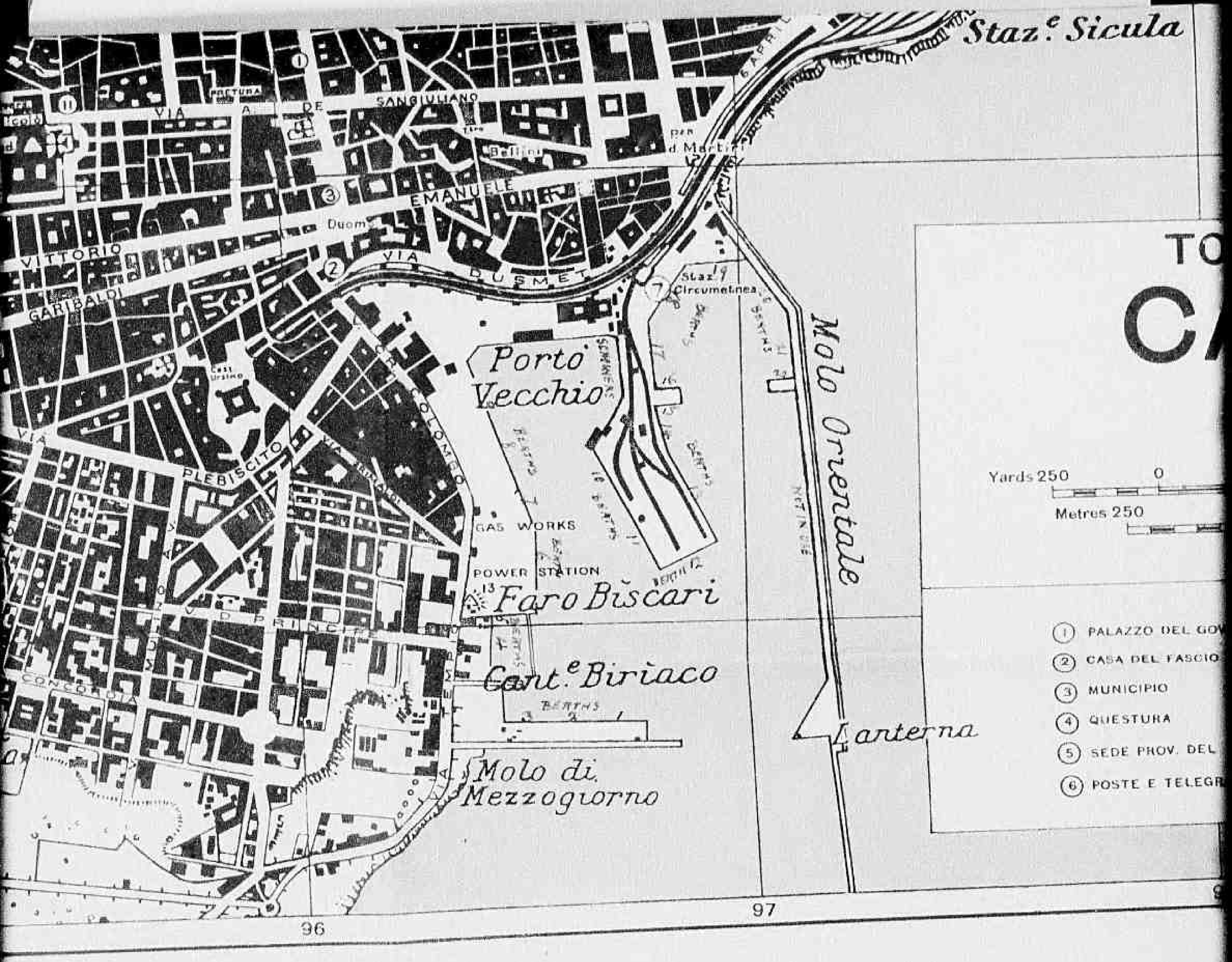

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TOWN PLAN OF
CATANIA

G.S.,G.S. No. 4379

Scale 1:10,000

Yards 250 0 250 500 750 1,000 1,250 Yards

Metres 250 0 250 500 750 Metres

1. PALAZZO DEL GOVERNO
2. CASA DEL FASCIO
3. MUNICIPIO
4. QUESTURA
5. SEDE PROV. DEL R.A.C.I.
6. POSTE E TELEGRAFI
7. STAZ. CIRCUMETNEA
8. OSPEDALE
9. STAZ. F.S.
10. STAZ. ACQUICELLA
11. OSPEDALE S. MARTA
12. CHURCH
13. TRIBUNALE

Anterna

378 000 m.N.

799 000 m.E.

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APO 394
TRANSPORTATION and SHIPPING SUB COMMISSION

Tel. 290
Ref. AC/24.4/101/Tn6 Catania

mvm
21 December 1945

SUBJECT: Demurrage Requested by W.S.A.

TO : War Shipping Administration
Rome
(Att: Mr. S. Regan)

1. Attached is copy of translation of letter received from Federazione Italiana dei Consorzi Agrari on the above subject.

2. We would appreciate your forwarding the information requested direct to Federazione.

CHARLES C. CROOKS, Chief
Ports & Warehouse Division

Attachment:
As stated in para 1.

Copy to:
Federazione Italiana dei Consorzi Agrari
Servizio Alimentari di Importazione
Roma

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TRANSLATION

FEDERAZIONE ITALIANA DEI CONSORZI AGRARI
Servizio Alimentari di Importazione
Rome

AD/mdl

28 November 1945

Allied Commission
Transportation Sub Commission
Rome

Subject: Demurrage Requested by the W.S.A.

Our office in Catania has informed us that the discharge of the SS "Lillian Nordica" was accomplished in due time, but if the vessel had been delayed, it would have been considered overtime and we would have had to pay 170,000 Lire per day for demurrage.

Since we are not up to date on the regulations controlling the discharge of vessels, we beg you to forward us a copy, or inform us if the above mentioned penalty is justified.

We beg you to make clear also if in case the unloading of a vessel is accomplished in less time than stipulated, we should receive a discount for quick discharge.

We will appreciate a reply clarifying the situation.

(signed)
(name illegible)

Federazione Italiana dei Consorzi Agrari
Il Procuratore Generale

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Federazione Italiana dei Consorzi Agrari
FONDATA NEL 1892 - SEDE CENTRALE ROMA - REGISTRO IMPRESE ROMA

SERVIZIO ALIMENTARI DI IMPORTAZIONE

per telegrammi:
FEDERALIMENTARI - ROMA
TELEFONI: 43251 - 44100 - 43045

e p.c.:
- ALLIED COMMISSION
  Finance sub-commission
- WAR SHIPPING ADMINISTRATION
  Via Lucullo
  ROMA

ALLIED COMMISSION
Transportation sub-commission
ROMA

ROMA 28 novembre 1945
VIA XXIV MAGGIO, 43 - Casella Postale N. 1317

AD | mdl
da citare nella risposta

CONTROSTALLIE RICHIESTE DALLA W.S.A.

Il nostro Ufficio di Catania ci segnala che la discarica del s/s/ "Lillian Nordica" fu effettuata in tempo utile, mentre che, se il piroscafo fosse stato costretto a fermarsi, sarebbe stato considerato in contrastallie e pertanto si sarebbero dovute pagare L. 170.000.= giornaliere.

Poichè non siamo al corrente delle condizioni alle quali è sottoposta la discarica dei vapori, vi preghiamo volercene rimettere copia o, comunque, precisarci se la penalità suddetta debba ritenersi giusta.

Vorremmo pure pregarvi di precisarci se, nel caso in cui la discarica del piroscafo avvenga in un periodo inferiore a quello fissato, debba esserci riconosciuto un premio accelerazione di-scarica (dispach money).

Restiamo in attesa di vostri cortesi chiarimenti in proposito.

FEDERAZIONE ITALIANA CONSORZI AGRARI
Il Procuratore Generale
(Rag. Edoardo Missoli)

Tel.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Transportation Sub Commission
Ports & Warehouse Division

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PORT REPORT

CATANIA, SICILY

1. Brief Physical Description.

This is an excellent harbour, formed and bounded on its east side by Molo Orientale and Molo di Mezzogiorno on the south side.

There is a spacious central pier, known as Sporgente Centrale, protruding from the north mainland to a depth of almost two-thirds of the harbour.

2. Wharves & Depths.

Please refer to attached map for locations.

No of Wharf	Length	Draft	Remarks
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4. Weather.

Disturbance of discharge and loading operations occurs when strong N.E. and S.E. winds cause considerable swell.

5. Electric Current.

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

6. Water supply.

Piped water supply is available to most of the above quays.

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7. Coal Bunkers.

None.

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8. Oil Bunkers.

An oil bunker of undetermined capacity is served from Quay No.6 .

9. Railroad Sidings

Rail sidings serve all quays on Sporgente Centrale, i.e., the schoomer wharf and Wharves 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17.

However, there is a tendency for rail bottle-necks to occur when all quays are used simultaneously.

10. Warehouses

There has been considerable destruction of warehouses, resulting in as much as 3.000 tons grain being backpiled pending disposal instructions.

The capacity of remaining warehousing is undetermined.

11. Dry Docks

None.

12. Repair plants

Facilities for minor ship repairs are available.

13. Dredgers

None. A crane with grab bucket is performing minor dredging operations.

14. Hoisting Facilities

One crane, now used for dredging (see Item 13).

15. Grain elevators

None.

16. Stevedore Gear

Main stevedore operations at present consist of coal and grain discharge and citrus fruit loading.

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17. Labor

A dock labor pool of 550 men is available. Labor supply is adequate and no problem exists.

18. Stevedore contractors

"Combustibile" S.A.S. of Catania.

19. Italian Port Captain

Riccardo Merca - Tel. No.13793 Catania
Tel. address 1 COMPAMARE, CATANIA

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20. Fed. Consorzio Agrario

This agency is operating efficiently.

21. I.C.E.

This agency is operating efficiently.

22. Military cargoes.

There is no responsibility on the part of A.C. for handling future military supplies. Shipping agents will notify military authorities at Messina or Reggio Cal. and the latter will handle.

Summary of recommendations :

1) Repair Quay No.12 at southern terminal of Sporgente Centrale (Item 2)

2) Furnish stevedore gear, in accordance with Item 16.

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1 SHIP PORT SET

ITEM	Quantity
Bars Chisel & Point	40
Barrows Truck Medium	95
Barrows Truck Large	95
Baskets Coal	75
Blocks Tackle Cord 3" Snatch	16
Blocks Tackle W.R. 2" Snatch	16
Carriers Rail Solid Scissors Type	32
Clamps Seam	16
Conveyors Gravity Straight 8'	300
Gloves Hedging	40
Hammers Sledge Complete	40
Hammers Spare Shaft No. 2	40
Handspikes Ash Plain	16
Hooks 3 T. Swivel Bearing	8
Hooks Iron Plain W/eye 1½ T. S.W.R.	24
Nets Cargo Manila 12' x 12' 8" Mesh	120
Rope Manila 1¼" Circ. Coils	2
" " 2" " "	12
" " 2½" " "	6
" " 3" " "	12
" " 4" " "	2
S.W.R. 1¼" Circ.	2
" 2" "	6
" 2½" "	2
" 3" "	2
" 4" "	1
Shackles, D or Bow, 21/4 ton	16
" " " " 5 ton	12
" " " " 7½ ton	8
Shovels, Coalheaver	50
Slings, Chain, Boxhook, 1 ton Cap.	12
Slings, Chain, Canhook, 16 cwt.	32
" " " 32 cwt.	32
Slings, Canvas for Flourbags	24
Slings, Chain, Double with Ring and 2 Hooks, 3 ton, 5'	24

Barrows Truck Large	
Baskets Coal	75
Blocks Tackle Cord 3" Snatch	16
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Clamps Beam	16
Conveyors Gravity Straight 6'	300
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Slings, Chain, Double with Ring and 2 Hooks, 3 ton, 6'	24
Slings, Chain, Double with Ring and 2 Hooks, 3 ton 12'	24
Slings, Chain, 4 leg Brickboard Quad.	32
Slings, Chain, Rail, 56 cwt.	16
Slings, Chain, Single with Ring and Standard Hook, 1½ ton, 6'	16
- do - - do - 1½ ton, 10'	15
- do - - do - 3 ton, 10'	16
- do - - do - 3 ton, 15'	16
- do - - do - 10 ton, 12'	Nil.

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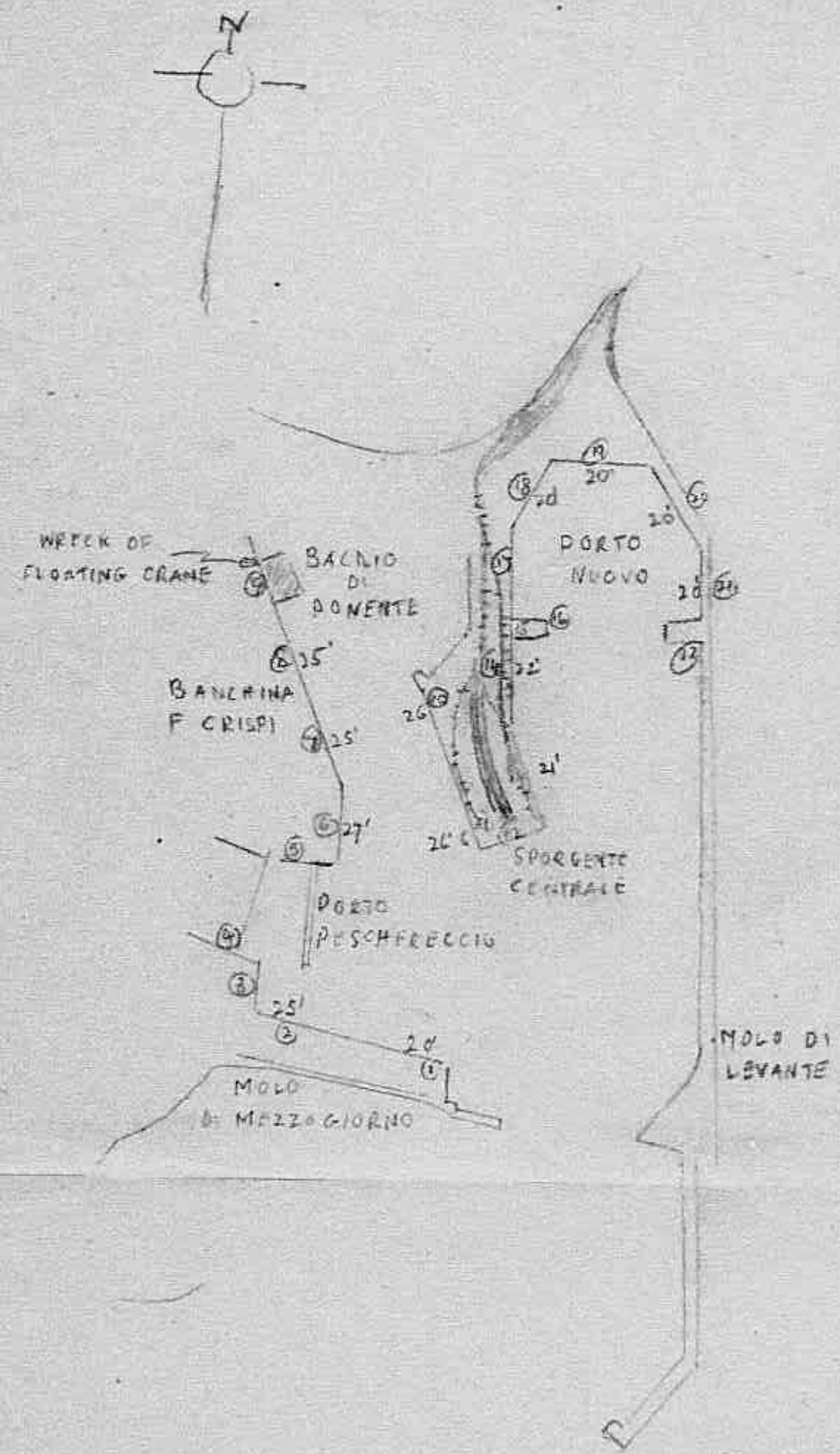
CATANIA



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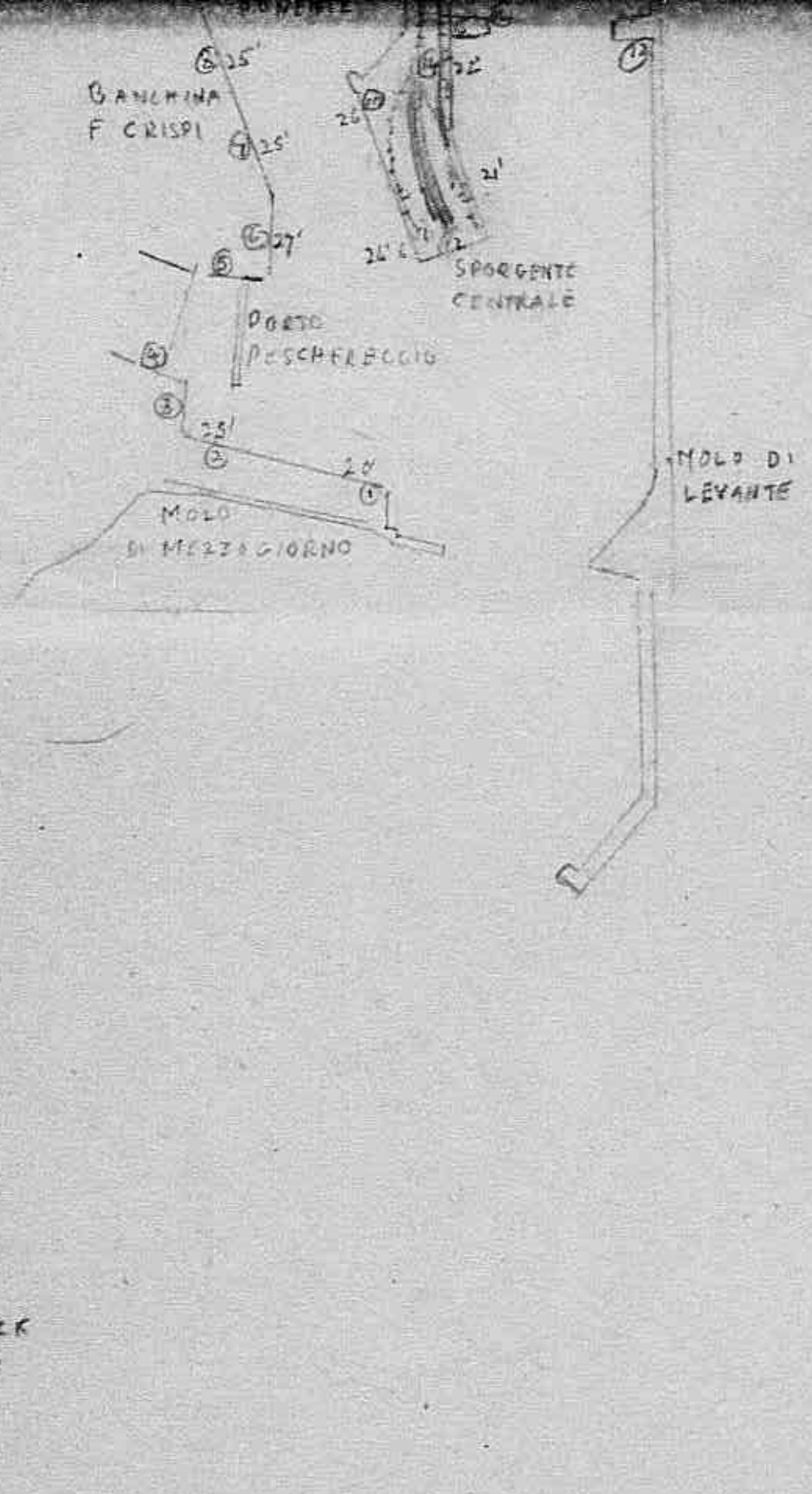

N° 9 BLOCKED BY WRECK
N° 12 QUAY COLLAPSED

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Name of wharves etc.	Length wharves Total l.mt.	Length wharves Rly. l.mt.	Wharf Surface sq.mt.	Depth Water mt.	BERTHING Alongside	BERTHING Stern on	USE OF WHARF	R
NEW PORT								
N.1	114	-	1.200	6	1		Average daily output of loading and unloading in 24 hours	Total w East A South West
N.2	170	-	1.700	5,5	1			
N.3 & 4	150	Rly	3.000	6,5	1			
Sett.A	138	Rly	2.700	6	1			
" B	141	Rly	2.250	6	1			
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Sett.C	140	Rly		7,5				tugs: T
" D	170	"		7,5				the All
" E	120	"	6.800	7,5	5			medium
" F	155	"		7,5				which c
" G	140	"		7,5				port: N
Calata Occidentale								mechani
rispl wharf								is only
N.1	154	-		7				power c
N.2	130	-		7				
N.3	140	-	6.800	7	3			(1) Out vessels
N.4	130	-		7				tugboat
Mezzogiorno mole	300	-	3.800	6	2			pontoon
Oriental mole	700	-	900	5		10 S/S		(2) For
	120	-	3.000	5	1	10 sch.		of the
	112	-	2.250	5		6 driv. craft		propert
Old Port (1)								
Dept.wharf	265	-	500	5	2			

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Wharf Surface sq.mt.	Depth Water mt.	BERTHING Alongside	BERTHING Stern on	USE OF WHARF	REMARKS
1.200	6	1		Average daily output of loading and unloading in 24 hours	Total water surface: Hectars 58
1.700	5,5	1			East Area Hect. 16,1
3.000	6,5	1			South " " 29,6
2.700	6	1			West " " 15,4
2.250	6	1			Total 63,1
1.500	7	2			Whses & sheds: m^2 3000 (partly destroyed by the war)
1.400	7	2		4.000	Open spaces: N°.7 surface m^2 205.625 the wharves are nearly all in good order exception made for the Old port quay.
	7,5				Tugs: 1 civilian tugboat used by the Allies (2)
	7,5				
6.800	7,5	5			medium number of train carriages which can daily be loaded in the port: N°200 together 4000 tons.
	7,5				
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	7				Mechanical means destroyed: there is only a motor crane of lifting power of 2 tons, property of Allies
6.000	7	3			(1) Out of use because of sunken vessels (Torpedo boat "Medici", tugboats "Risorgimento" and "Etna" pontoon "Adi")
	7				
3.800	6	2			
900	5		16 s/s		(2) For mooring there is the service of the tugboat "Marino", italian property now used by the Allies.
3.000	5	1	16 sch.		
2.250	5		6 driv. craft		
500	5	2			

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PORTO DI CATANIA

Denominazione	Lunch. - banch. Tot ml.	Servitù da binar	Sup. Della calata in m^2	Fondali in ml.	Accosti di fianco	Accosti di punta	Potenzialità media giornaliera di imb.&sbar. in 24 ore.
Porto Nuovo							
n.1	114	-	1.200	6	1		
" 2	170	-	1.700	5,5	1		
" 3 e 4	156	st	3.000	6,5	1		
Lett.A	138	st	2.700	6	1		
" B	141	st rly	2.250	6	1		
Pon.Lev.Int.	60	-	1.500	7	2		4.000
" " Est.	64	-					
" Pon.Int.	57	-	1.400	7	2		
" " Est.	57	-					
Sporgente Centrale							
lett. C	140	st)		7,5)			
" D	170	st)		7,5)			
" E	120	st)	6.800	7,5)	5		
" F	155	st)		7,5)			
" G	140	st)		7,5)			
Calata Occident. (Banch.Crispi)							
N.1	154	-)		7)			
" 2	130	-)		7)			
" 3	140	-)	6.600	7)	3		
" 4	130	-)		7)			
Molo di Mezzo	360	-	3.800	6	2		16 pirosc.
Molo Orient.	700	-	900	5)			)16 vel.mot.
	120	-	3.000	5)	1		)e gall.vari
	112	-	2.250	5)			
Porto Vecchio							
Banch.Capit. (1)	285	-	500	5	2	1	

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Superficie tota
ettari 63:
Bacino orie
" Mezz
" occi

Tettoie e capan
dalla guerra)
Piazzali: N.7 c

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(1) Inutilizzabile per scafi sommersi(Torp.Medici, rimorch. Risorgimento e Etna, ponton
(2) N.B. Per il servizio di ormeggio e desormeggio vi è il rimorch. "Marino" di proprie
e in atto ingaggiato dagli alleati.

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Del-ala-n m²	Fondali in ml.	Accosti di fianco	Accosti di punta	Potenzialità media giornalieri di imb.&sbar. in 24 ore.	NOTE
00	6	1			Superficie totale degli specchi acquei ettari 63:
00	5,5	1			Bacino orientale ett. 18,1
00	6,5	1			" mezzog. " 29,6
00	6	1			" occident. " 15,4
50	6	1			Totale 63,1
00	7	2		4.000	Tettoie e capannoni: m² 3000 (semi distrutti dalla guerra)
00	7	2			Piazzali: N.7 con una superficie di m² 205.625
	7,5)				Le banchine sono quasi tutte utilizzabili, ad eccezione della banchina del porto vecchio.
	7,5)				
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					Esiste un rimorchiatore civile italiano in possesso degli alleati (2)
	7)				N° medio dei carri ferroviari che possono essere giornalmente caricati in porto è di 200 con un complessivo di 4000 tonn.
	7)				
00	7)	3			
	7)				
00	6	2			Mezzi meccanici distrutti: esiste una grue mobile azionata da motore di proprietà degli alleati, della potenza di sollevamento di 2 tonn. circa.
00	5)		16 pirosc.		
00	5)	1	)16 vel.mot.		
50	5)		)e gall.vari		
00	5	2	1		

fi sommersi(Torp.Medici, rimorch. Risorgimento e Etna, pontoni "Aci")
i ormeggio e desormeggio vi è il rimorch. "Marino" di proprietà italiana
egli alleati.

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