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■ Roads during Roman Times

In the Roman Era in Sardinia, four large imperial roads were built (fig. 1); the first, *a portu Tibulas-Caralis*, connected Cagliari with the area of Santa Teresa di Gallura, passing along the eastern coast; another, on the other hand, started from *Carales* and travelled along the western coast, connecting *Nura, Sulci*, as far as *Turrus Libisonis* (now modern-day Porto Torres), to end at *Tibula* (fig. 2); the third road, largely corresponding to the modern-day State Highway SS 131 "Carlo Felice", connected *Carales* with *Turrus Libisonis*, the last started from *Carales*, and travelled internally, touching the slopes of the mountain Genargentu, and ended in *Ubia* (fig. 3).



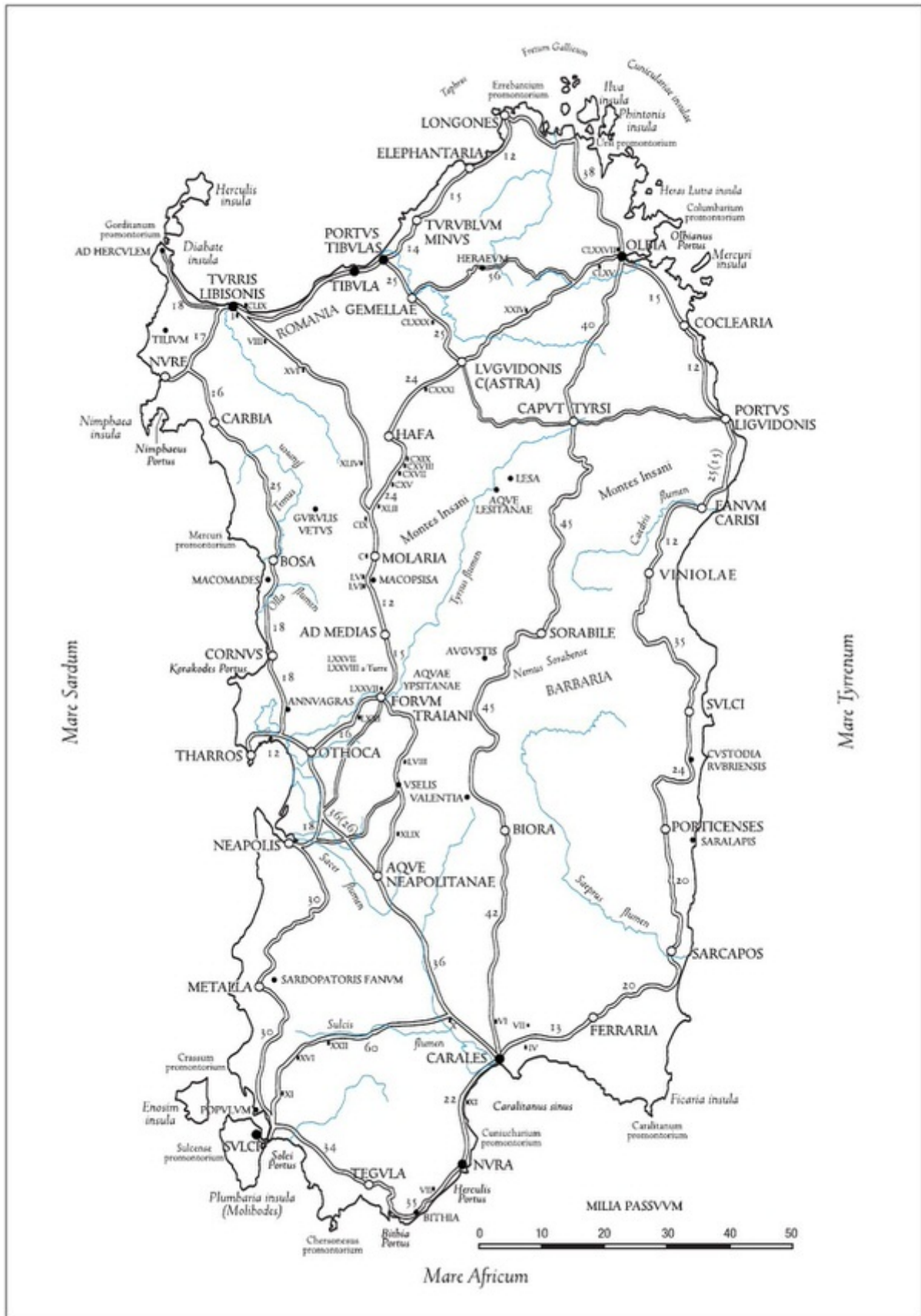


Fig. 1 - Sardinian roads during Roman Imperial Times (from MASTINO 2005, fig. 37).

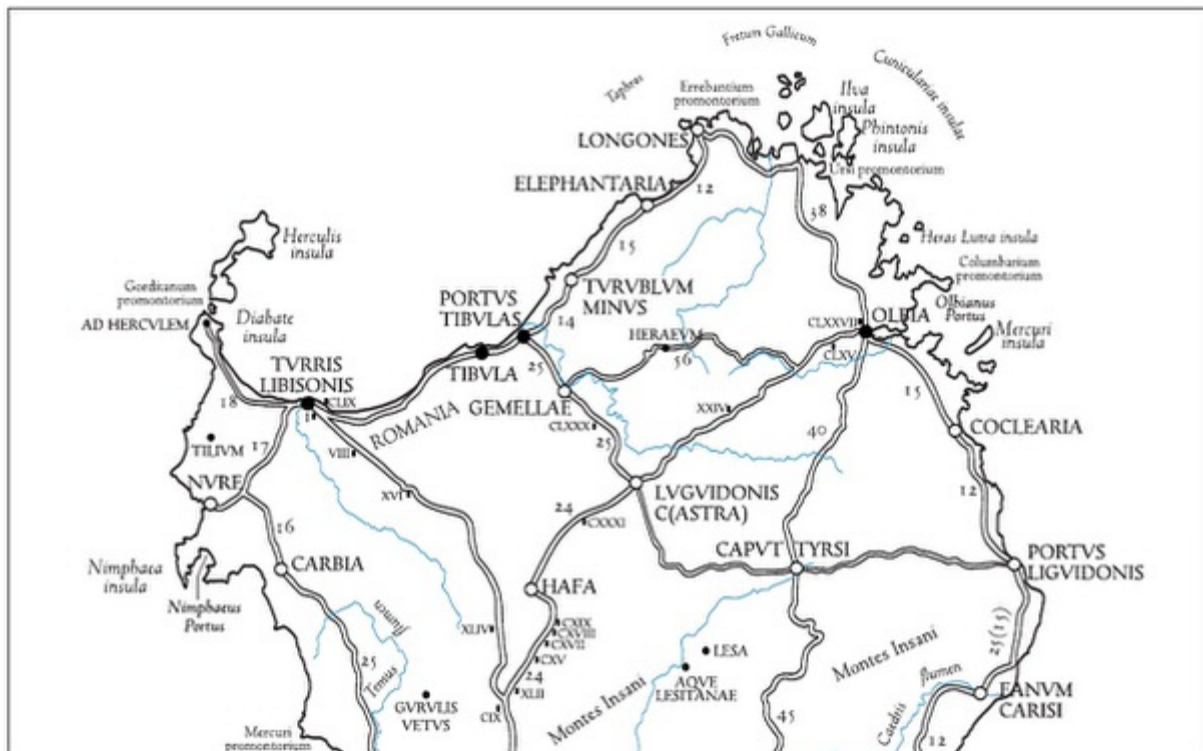


Fig. 2 - North Sardinian roads during Roman Imperial Times (from MASTINO 2005, fig. 37).

One of the imperial roads built in Roman times, a *portu Tibula-Caralis*, ran along the east coast and passed close to Posada. From this area a *diverticulum* (side road) branched off which connected *Portus Luguidonis* with the innermost settlement of *Caput Tyrsi*, in the territory of Buddusò (fig. 4). When the Roman Empire fell, it is quite likely that this important internal road maintained its economic importance, as later settlements such as *Sulla*, *Arischion* and Posada were successively built along it.

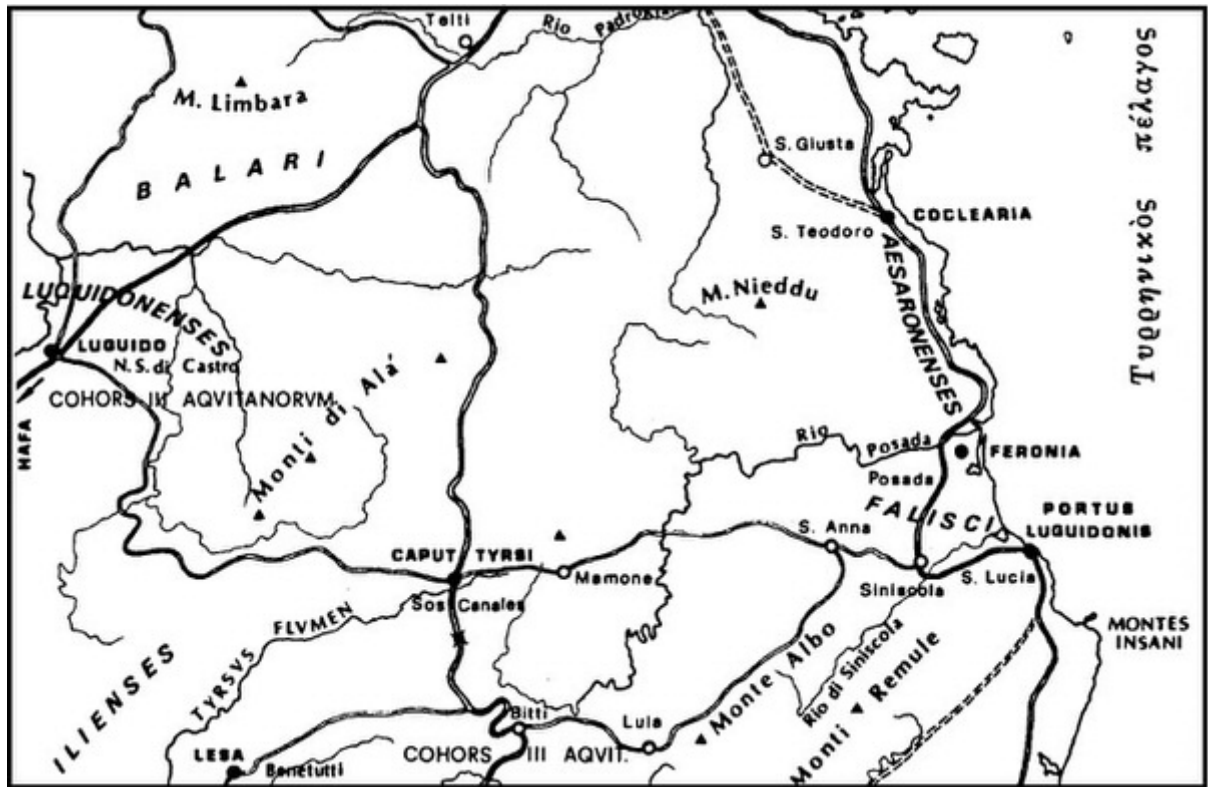


Fig. 3 - The region of the Posada Barony during Roman Imperial Times (from BONELLO, MASTINO 1994, fig. 1).

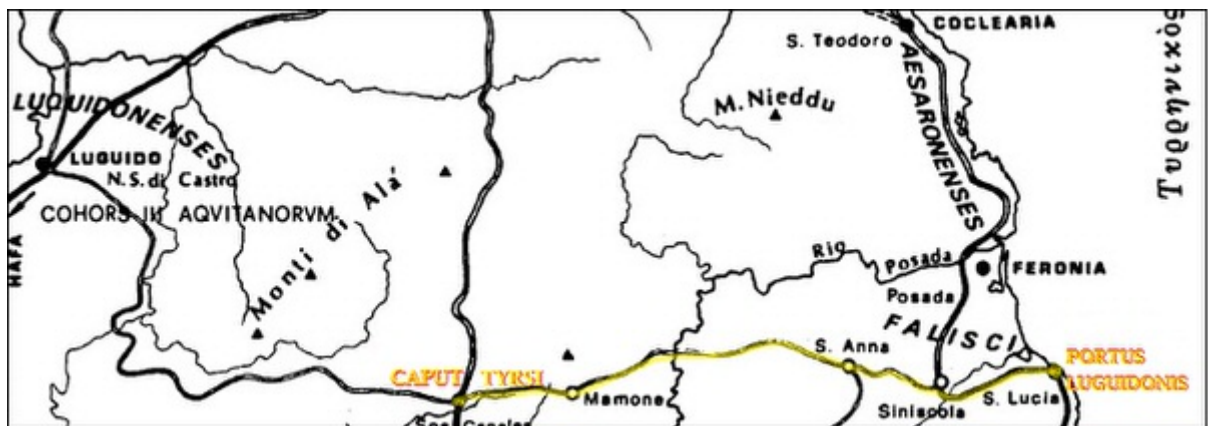


Fig. 4 - Diverticulum of a Portu Tibulas – Caralis, which connected Portus Luguidonis to Caput Tyrsi (from BONELLO, MASTINO 1994, fig. 1).

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