

## Cart-Ruts at Monopoli

Mr. Timmy Zammit has located a group of cart-ruts near Monopoli in south-east Italy. This group of ruts are in their details very similar to those on the Maltese Islands and can be followed for a number of metres. This group, which to date has not been documented locally, brings the total number of cart-ruts found outside Maltese Islands to thirteen.

Ruts found on foreign land include:-

- 1) Cyrenaica<sup>1</sup>
- 2) Donnaz, South-East of Aosta<sup>1</sup>
- 3) Agrigento, near Temple of Hercules<sup>1</sup> (Plate 1)
- 4) Monopoli (Plate 2)
- 5) Syracuse, above Greek Theatre<sup>1</sup> (Plate 3)
- 6) Near Fortress of Euryalus<sup>1</sup>
- 7) Cap Couronne, West of Marseilles<sup>1,2</sup>
- 8) Cagliari, Sardinia<sup>2</sup>
- 9) Necropolis of Cerveteri, Italy<sup>2</sup>
- 10) Monte Sirai, Sardinia<sup>3</sup>
- 11) Anse de Sante Croix, Massilia<sup>4</sup>
- 12) Pompei
- 13) Greece

### References:-

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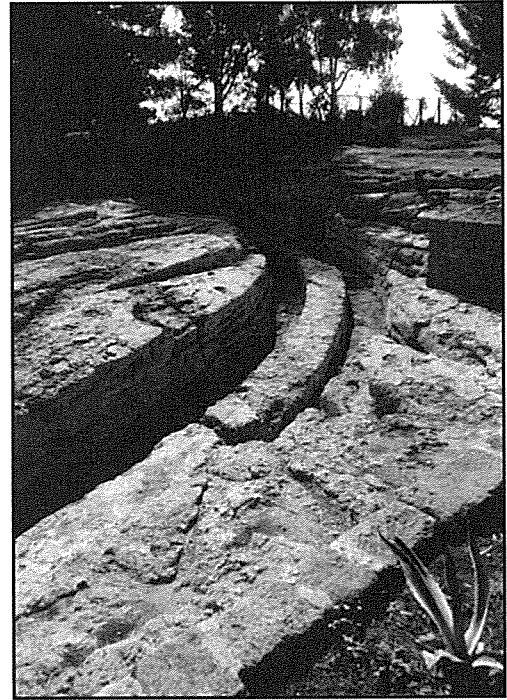


Plate 1: Cart-ruts at Agrigento (Photo: A. Bugeja)

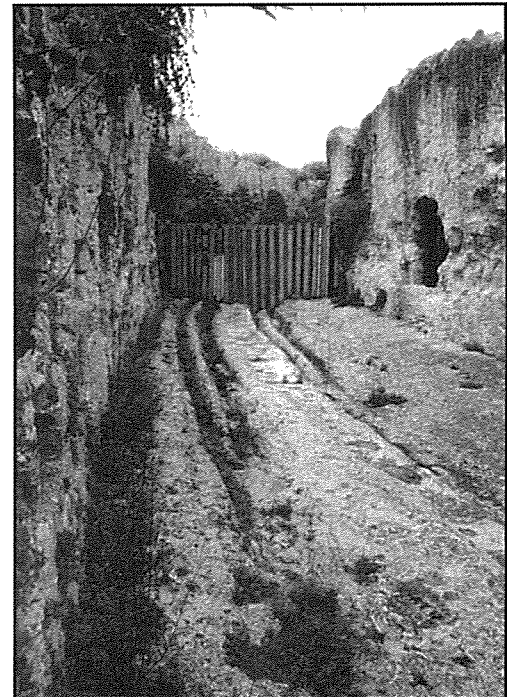


Plate 3: Cart-ruts at Syracuse (Photo: A. Bugeja)

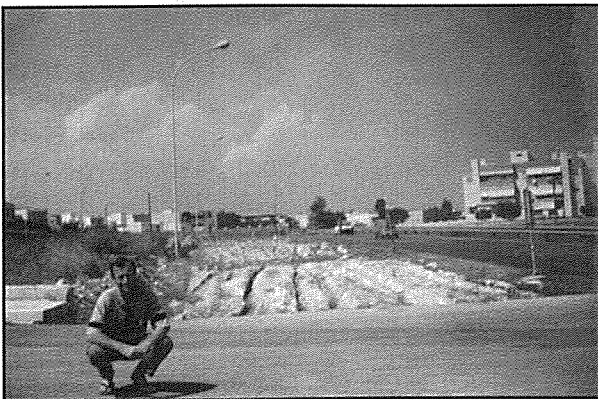


Plate 2: Cart-ruts at Monopoli (Photo: T. Zammit)