Earnings from steel exports are 2.2% of export earnings. The category mapped here includes steel and iron but not iron ore. Steel and iron are used to make railway tracks, pipes, tubes and wire, amongst other things.

The top five exporting (US$ net) territories when measured per person are all in Western Europe. The top five per person importers of ores are also Western European territories.

Only 32 (out of 200) territories are net steel exporters. None of these 32 territories are in Northern Africa, Central Africa, North America or Asia Pacific. New Caledonia, the only yellow island shown, is a territory of France.

Territory size shows the proportion of worldwide net exports of steel (in US$) that come from there. Net exports are exports minus imports. When imports are larger than exports the territory is not shown.

“Steel for ships, planes, tanks and craftsmen to shape it. That was the Empire’s call to Sheffield in the hour of peril.”

The Sheffield Star, 1941