DIRECTIONS TO TORRETTA FIELD

The map of Cerignola and vicinity shows most of the roads as they existed in 1944-45. Out of Cerignola head southwest to Pozzo Terraneo. At the junction on the west side, the 766 Sq. was located. Again, heading southwest toward Mass. Torretta, the 824 Sq. buildings come into view on the east side of the road. You'll note the large 824 painted on the west wall of one of the buildings. About halfway to Torretta on the right side, at about Pozzo Marano, the 827 Sq. was located. In the winter of 1944-45, a lake existed near the number six. As you reach the junction, a road leads west winding around toward Posta Chlotilde. On rising ground, north of the road, a row of stable sits on the ridge. These buildings were used by the 764 Sq. Going east from Torretta Junction towards Mass. di Pozzo Monaco, the 765 Sq. was located.

On the east side of the road leading back north to Pozzo Terraneo at the junction at K.12, a road leads on to structures used by the 496th Service Squadron. The 825 Sq., 826 Sq. and 484 Group HQ can be found by traveling northwest to the next road junction and turning southwest for about 8 kilometers. The runways ran roughly north/south between the 484 HQ on the north and the 461 HQ on the south. Today, an autostrada (freeway) between Naples and Bari (west to east) bisects the former airfield between Pozzo Terraneo and Toretta [below].

Members wishing to visit the airfield area, can stay over in either Foggia, to the north, or Bari, farther east, where comfortable hotel accommodations and good restaurants can be found. Cerignola does not have Class A accommodations. (See maps opposite.)