Engineers Report on Torretta Field
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Name and location: Torretta, Cerignola

Geographic position: 41 10' 50'' N Latitude, 15 45' 52'' E Longitude

Map reference: 1:100,000 sheet 175 Cerignola

Magnetic variation: 2' 51W January 1943 Annual change 3' East

Landmarks: 1/4 mile West of Mass Torretta. 1 mile south Cerignola, Candela Road. 8.6 Miles Southwest of Cerignola

Dimensions: 8000 feet North/South by 8000 feet East/West landing ground.

Runway 150 by 6000 feet, bearing North 21 degrees West. Taxiways, Runway, and Hardstands are gravel topped. 112 H/S Surface. All in cultivation. Black loam soil. 18 inches top soil over chalice subsoil. Runways, Taxiways and hardstands are of clay gravel.

Markings: No Markers on the runway. No circle and name at the time of reconnaissance

Lighting: None

Obstructions: Secondary power line on east side of field 30 feet high

Hangars: None

Repair facilities: Service squadron units

Fuel and oil: 1 1000 barrel storage tank for 100 octane fuel located 1/2 mile north of 3 outlets located at north end of the field. Fed by 4 inch pipeline

Communications: Telephone to Cerignola with connections to Bari and Foggia.

Radio communications: Unknown

Weather service: Portable field unit.

Transportation: No regular transportation, military only from areas south side of field

Prevailing Winds: Unknown
Precipitation: Unknown

Visibility: Fog reported less than 20 days a year during which time visibility is not greater than 2 1/2 miles

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Remarks: Field Operational. Hardstands and drainage system still under construction.

Nearest seaport: Manfredonia port of entry for 100 octane fuel. Bulk of supply