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Engineers Report on Torretta Field

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**Compiled by S-3 Section
21st
Engineers**

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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. I 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 transporta-
tion, 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 that 2 1/2 miles

Operated by British R. A. F

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

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