

SIXTEENTH RECOMMENDATION

Montreal, April 17, 1941

Rehabilitation of the Newfoundland Railroad

After prolonged consideration with the Newfoundland Commissioners; after determination that the present condition and rolling stock (on hand and on order) of the Newfoundland railroad are barely adequate for civilian requirements; and after full consideration of the great urgency of adequate supply prior to the winter of 1941 of United States bases and United States forces stationed outside base areas in Newfoundland, the Board agreed as its sixteenth recommendation.

That the United States procure and retain title to such railroad rolling stock as is necessary for its military requirements in Newfoundland including possible operations from the Newfoundland Airport;

That the Newfoundland Government continue to operate the Newfoundland railroad and undertake at once the construction of additional facilities and necessary rehabilitation of the railroad outside of areas leased to the United States;

That necessary arrangements for essential financial assistance be immediately worked out between the United States and Newfoundland Governments;

That both Canada and the United States assist in the procurement of the necessary priorities required to permit this recommendation to be carried out in the time specified.

SEVENTEENTH RECOMMENDATION

Montreal, July 29, 1941

Northwest River Landing Field

In order to facilitate the ferrying of long and medium range aircraft across the Atlantic, to enhance the effectiveness of plans for hemisphere defence, to prevent congestion at the Newfoundland Airport and to provide greater security for crews and equipment, the Board recommends:

That the Canadian Government should undertake the construction of an air base in the vicinity of Northwest River, Labrador, and provide the following facilities as quickly as possible.

- (a) At least two runways, minimum 150×5000 feet, to enable take off and landing into prevailing winds.
- (b) Storage facilities for 450,000 gallons aviation gasoline, for 11,250 gallons aviation oil, and for other supplies.
- (c) Seven 100 gallon per minute gasoline pumping units for servicing aircraft.
- (d) Technical housing and equipment as follows:
 1. A direction finder station.
 2. An aircraft radio range station.
 3. Instrument landing equipment.