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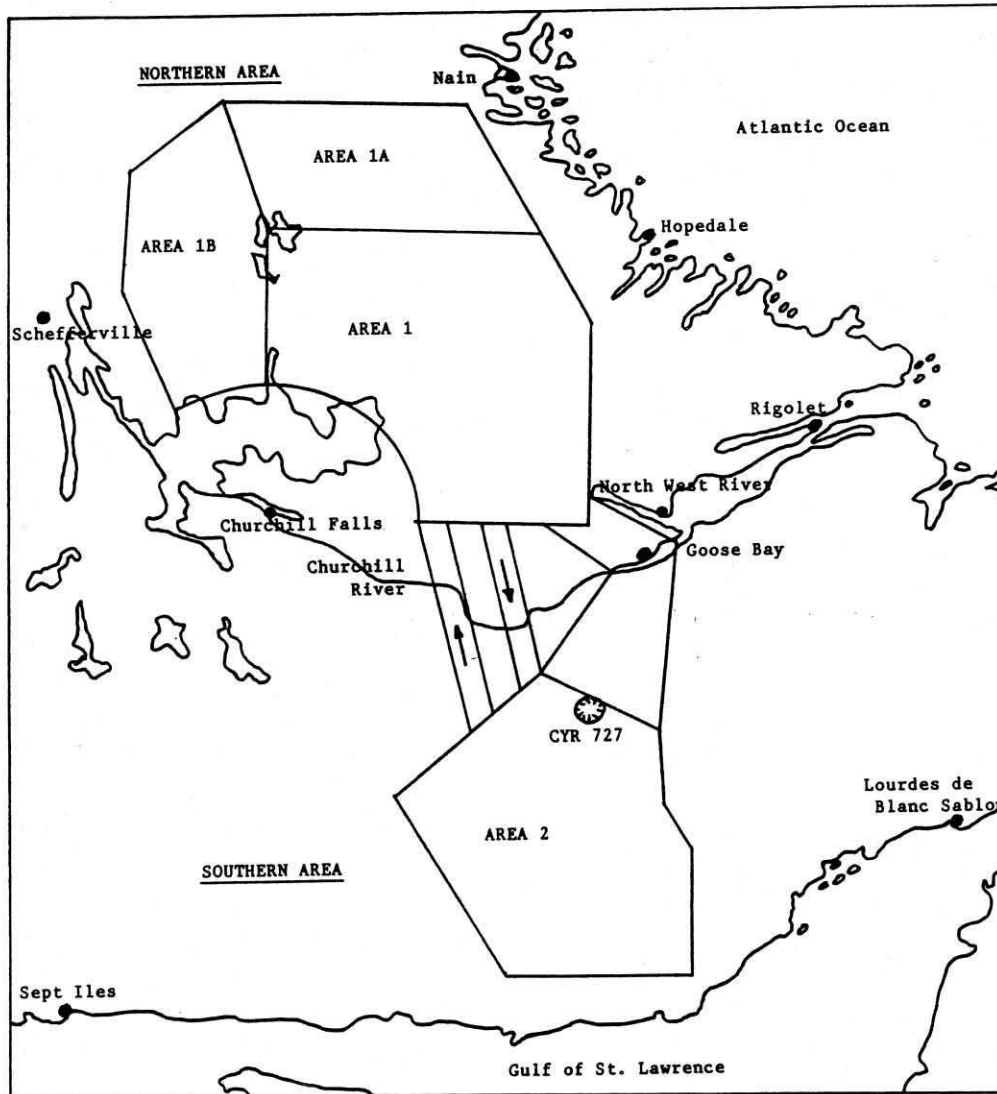
(GOOSE BAY MILITARY LOW-LEVEL TRAINING AREAS)

(The following was excerpted by the editor from information supplied by the Department of National Defense, presented in The Northern Reporter of 13 April 1988.)

The areas depicted in Goose Northern Areas and extensions and Goose Southern Areas contain military flying activity from 100 feet (30 metres) above the ground to 8000 feet (2400 metres) above sea level. Military fighter aircraft conduct low-level, high-speed navigation exercises in these areas under visual and instrument (cloudy) weather

conditions, both day and night up to seven days a week. The areas will be active from 18 April 1988 until 29 October 1988.

Practice Target Area South (CYR 727 on the diagram) is an air-to-ground range 15 kilometres in diameter operated by the Department of National Defense on land leased from the province. The boundary of the area is approximately nine kilometres from Minipi Lake and an equal distance north of the Little Mecatina River. The boundary is marked by a ten-foot (3-metre) wide slash line with warning placards every 150 metres. Trespassing is strictly prohibited.



## closing words

(To round off this report, part of Barbara's covering letter, which accompanied the material she sent to Nastawgan, follows, underlining some of the problems and potential tragedy involved in this issue.)

Surprisingly, there has been a long (47 years) history of air base activity here, but only in the past three years has it been noticed so much; this is due to increased public awareness, a tremendous need for jobs, the possibility of a NATO base being built, etc. Although many people look forward to jobs being created, what we see happening is that each Force brings with it its own food specialty items, its own tobacco and liquor, and builds its own recreation complex right here in the area.

Furthermore, their own vehicles deliver them all over town, so that the taxis are having strife. By virtue of

volume, a Canadian Forces bakery put a private bakery out of business. The people in this area are not educated to take the kinds of jobs created by the military, and so the only jobs available are janitorial; how many of those can one create?

Meanwhile, the Forces on their days off go into the country by helicopter to fish at their own desire; it is well known that there is gross neglect of animals, birds, and fish. This is an extremely frustrating situation, because our Game Department has very little funding to go out and enforce the game laws which has to be done by air.

And to be realistic, how many girls in this part of Labrador will carry the children of these men who will never be seen again after their tour of duty here. The military could also bring in AIDS. We could be on the brink of a tremendous change.