

PRIME MINISTER

FALKLANDS DINNER AT NORTHWOOD: TUESDAY 1 NOVEMBER

I attach some notes for your speech at Northwood on Tuesday. You are answering the toast to the guests.

It is a mess dinner at which about 120 people will be present. The principal guests are listed at Flag A. They include representatives of all three Services and NATO, and some who took part in the Falklands campaign in the South Atlantic will also be present, viz Sandy Woodward, Captain Sam Salt (Captain of Sheffield) and Captain David Hart-Dyke (Captain of Coventry).

Northwood have been accustomed to having two such dinners per year - one to celebrate the Battle of the Atlantic and the other the Battle of Jutland. This "Falklands Dinner" replaces this year's dinner to celebrate the Battle of the Atlantic. The dress is White Tie.

The dinner was originally arranged for 19 May and had to be postponed because of the General Election campaign.

You will have many recollections of your own and you may prefer to speak without notes. If so, I think that the only points in the attached which you need to work in are references to the cooperation between all three Services and the tribute to the help given by the NATO partners who are represented at Northwood.

F.R.B.

28 October 1983



FALKLANDS
DINNER

TUESDAY
1st NOVEMBER 1983



“They are few in number, but they have the right to live in peace, to choose their own way of life and to determine their own allegiance”.

*Prime Minister
House of Commons
April 3rd, 1982.*



NORTHWOOD
HEADQUARTERS OFFICERS' MESS

PRESIDENT

Commander R.A.C. Edridge, Royal Navy

GUEST OF HONOUR

The Right Honourable Margaret Thatcher, PC, MP

MESS GUESTS

Mr Denis Thatcher

Mr Robin Butler

Admiral Sir John Fieldhouse, GCB, GBE, ADC

Air Chief Marshal

Sir John Barraclough, KCB, CBE, DFC, AFC

Admiral Sir Peter Herbert, KCB, OBE

General Sir Richard Trant, KCB

Air Marshal Sir John Curtiss, KCB, KBE, CBIM

Rear Admiral P.G. Hammersley, CB, OBE



Wines

Merienda Sherry

Cepage Sauvignon 82

Rose de Lascombes 82

Veuve Ambal

Fonsecca 66
&
Duke of Cumberland

Menu

Caribbean Fruit Cocktail

Lemon Sole & Nantua Sauce

Chicken Kiev
Parisienne & Boulangere Potatoes
Brussels Sprouts - Sweetcorn - Broccoli

Baked Alaska

Coffee
&
Petit Fours



Unsupervised

Programme of Music

March	Cockleshell Heroes	Duncan
Overture	Light Cavalry	Suppe
Waltz	Artists Life	Strauss
Selection	Pirates of Penzance	Sullivan
March	Dam Busters	Coates
Three	Elizabethan Serenade	Binge
Light	In a Party Mood	Strachey
Pieces	Plink Plank Plonk	Anderson
Entracte	La Calinda from 'Koanga'	Delius
Suite	English Folk Songs	Vaughan-Williams
March	San Carlos	Ware
Selection	HMS Pinafore	Sullivan

Extra	Fantasia on British Sea Songs	Wood

The Orchestra of Her Majesty's Royal Marines
 Commander-in-Chief Fleet
 under the direction of
 Captain E.P. Whealing, LRAM, ARCM, LTCL, RM

