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BANG ON TIME AT E.R.D.E.!

WALTHAM Abbey's E.R.D.E. centre has an explosive history dating back to Gunpowder Plot days.

So it was only natural that B.B.C. TV cameras should descend on the plant this week as part of a feature on next week's Guy Fawkes celebrations.

And to show what a real bang sounds like they filmed underwater explosions, high explosive tests, and also showed sophisticated remote control equipment used in explosions.

The film was used on the children's programme "Tom Tom."

The Cheshunt and Waltham Mercury, Friday, November 1, 1968.

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E.R.D.E. goes off with a bang on T.V.

EXPLOSIVES from Waltham Abbey's Explosives Research and Development Establishment went boom on B.B.C.-1's children's programme Tom-Tom on Tuesday afternoon.

It was the first time that this specialised field of the establishment's work had been shown on television.

The five-minute sequence took a camera team two days to record for the programme that was linked up with Guy Fawkes Night, which is next Tuesday.

It showed explosives detonated by remote control, in a sealed vessel and underwater. The work was shown to Mr. Anthony Wedgwood Benn, Minister of Technology, when he visited the establishment recently.