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GOVERNMENT minister Lord Trefgarne was the guest of honour at the final celebrations to mark the 200th anniversary of the Royal Armament Research and Development Establishment, Waltham Abbey.

of State for Defence Procurement, proposed the toast at the bicentenary dinner held recently, and was presented with a pair of commemorative china mugs by Dr Christ-opher Baynham, director of RARDE, Fort Halstead.

In his speech, Lord Tref-

Lord Trefgarne, Minister garne said staff at the Waltham Abbey plant could be "justly proud" of a unique heritage.

> He said the establishment had become a centre of excellence for the advancement of science in explosives, pyrotechnics, propellants and new materials, and the re

search work carried out was

Referring to current plans to transfer the work to RARDE's main base at Fort Halstead, he said he had no doubt the great traditions of Waltham Abbey over the centuries would inspire those who follow.

"Looking to the future, I see the scientific excellence pioneered at Waltham Abbey continuing to develop and to make a significant contribution to this country's de-fence," he said.

During his visit Lord Trefgarne unveiled a plaque commemorating the anniversary.





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