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# Intruder found at E.R.D.E.

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AN intruder was found inside the boundaries of Waltham Abbey's hush-hush Explosive Research and Development Establishment late on Tuesday afternoon.

He was crouched on an island in Powdermill Stream, suffering from exposure and lack of food.

But the intruder was no threat to security . . . for he was a foxhound refugee from the Enfield Chace Hunt.

He had been lost over a fortnight ago and had walked about 20 miles — probably crossing motorways and main roads — to get to the comparative seclusion of E.R.D.E.

The foxhound was found by water warden, George Savill.

"I tried to catch it," said Mr. Savill, "but it looked a bit wild, so I called in one of our dog handlers. Together we caught it and gave it some food. The dog was rather frightened."

Mr. Savill then contacted the Enfield Chace Hunt which sent a representative to E.R.D.E. and discovered that the dog was one of its missing foxhounds.

Miss Nora Christie, hunt secretary, said afterwards, "We lost the dog about two weeks ago at a hunt in Munden, near Watford. We were very surprised to find it had come all the way to Waltham Abbey."

Meanwhile there is one foxhound thinking he will pay more attention to the call of the horn next time.