

## Two Killed In Explosion

**T**WO men were killed in an explosion which wrecked a detonator store at the Commonwealth Explosives Factory, Maribyrnong, on Monday afternoon.

They were:—

**CLYDE RIES**, 31, married, Middle Road, Maribyrnong.

**BENJAMIN WALTERS**, about 30, married, of Sycamore Street, Ripponlea.

The assistant sectional manager (Mr T. Hall), who was 50 yards from the store when the explosion occurred, received a cut on the cheek from a piece of flying debris.

Two explosions were heard. Bricks, timber and sheets of iron were flung 50 yards away, but no other building was damaged.

The blast was felt up to three miles away.

The cause of the explosion is being investigated by the operational safety committee of the Munitions Department.