

ROMA AUCTIONEER FATALLY INJURED



When The Australian Estates Coy. decided to open a branch at Roma on January 1, 1937, "Archie" Taylor was offered the job of managing it, and his tireless efforts made it one of the best offices of its kind on the line.

Mr. A. C. Dibdin, manager of the Brisbane office of The Australian Estates Coy., referred feelingly to his passing. "He put Roma on the map as a cattle centre," said Mr. Dibdin, "and we are shocked at the tragic circumstances of his death. He was a man who had the stock business at his finger tips. He was a tireless worker, a good organiser and a splendid citizen. His death will be a big loss to the district, as it will be to the company."

The late G. A. Taylor, popular Australian Estates' manager, snapped in a characteristic pose at Roma Ram Sales, which he founded.

(By THE EDITOR.)

WE found it hard to believe—news of the death of "Archie" Taylor. He was one of the best-known and most likeable men in the whole of Maranoa—as "straight" as a gun barrel, an indefatigable worker, a man in his prime.

Yet it is true. George Archibald Taylor, 42, died from injuries received in a bomb accident during V.D.C. manoeuvres at Bassett Mountain, Roma. He was rushed to hospital, a leg was amputated, a blood transfusion given, and it seemed that he had a 50-50 chance of coming through. But he died early on Monday, leaving a wife and two young children.

We knew him well—he was like that; to know him was to know him well! He was genial—a man among men—enjoying the confidence of the stockowners of a district which derives its prosperity from stock.

LIVED AT QUILPIE.

He belonged to an old and respected pastoral family of Russell Park, Surat, but early in life ventured forth on his own account. He was for a time stock and station agent at Quilpie, where he bought a small property, afterwards moving to Roma, where he was with the Shell Company. When The Australian Estates Coy. decided to open a branch at Roma