

SLUR ON THE DIGGERS

Honor Roll Turned To The Wall

Who Is Responsible ?

The following letter appeared in Thursday's "Lithgow Mercury":

Sir.—Through the columns of your paper we wish to draw public attention to a happening which we consider the greatest slur possible on our returned diggers and their comrades who have given their lives for their country. The parties concerned are the management of the Small Arms Factory.

The reference is to the factory honor roll, which, as far as the employees are concerned, does not exist. The management hold this honor roll in such high esteem that it stands face to the wall in the most remote section of the factory, and the back of it is being used as a notice board. Whilst the returned soldier organisations are working for a fair deal and better conditions for men who, having fought for their country, are now working both day and night as a further contribution towards victory, the management of a Government factory cannot see fit to place their names in a prominent place.

If the management hold the same attitude towards the men as they do towards the honor roll which bears their names, then diggers can expect but little consideration in the way of elevation to any responsible positions which become vacant from time to time.

As the factory is a Government establishment, we would like to know if this kind of thing has the

establishment, we would like to know if this kind of thing has the approval of our Government. Furthermore, we consider nothing short of a public apology from the management and an assurance that the honor roll will be immediately placed in a suitable and conspicuous place will suffice.

Yours, etc.,

FOUR DIGGERS.