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## A Discharged Soldier and His Pension.

*To the Editor of the GAZETTE.*

SIR,—On Saturday afternoon my chum and I, both discharged soldiers, were walking up Chapel - road, and dropped upon one of our comrades playing a gramophone. We stopped and asked him why he was doing this.

He said he was receiving £1 a week pension to keep four children, a wife, and himself on, and was trying to beg a few more pence in this way.

I myself think it is a disgrace to the Nation to allow such men, after fighting and giving of their best for their Country and being discharged from the Services as being physically unfit, to have to do this for a livelihood.

While speaking to him he told us he had been into the Y.M.C.A. and asked them to serve him with two eggs and a cup of tea.

Promptly he was told by the Manager that their instructions were not to serve anyone in civilian clothing.

Should this be so?—a discharged man, wearing his silver badge, be denied the privilege of using the Y.M.C.A.?

A DISCHARGED SOLDIER.

Did not our correspondent and the soldier whose cause he so chivalrously espouses read the report we published last week, showing that every effort is being made to assist disabled men by training them in various industries in order to provide them with a livelihood? The Local Pensions Committee will give the most ready assistance in this and all such cases, and we recommend an early application to the Secretary, at the Municipal Offices. — *Editor GAZETTE.*