

## **The Bellem Family - Military Records**

Among the Bellem pictures is one of George Frederick Bellem (1871 – 1936) in an army uniform. I found an entry for him stating that he volunteered to serve in WW1 but was physically unfit for service abroad but ‘throughout the period of hostilities did valuable work at various home stations.’ He was in the R.A.M.C. and was demobilised in 1919. However, I’m sure in the photograph the uniform he is wearing is from an earlier period of service but I can’t find any other records for him and the fact that he was a sergeant must mean he had previous service.

**George Frederick Bellem**

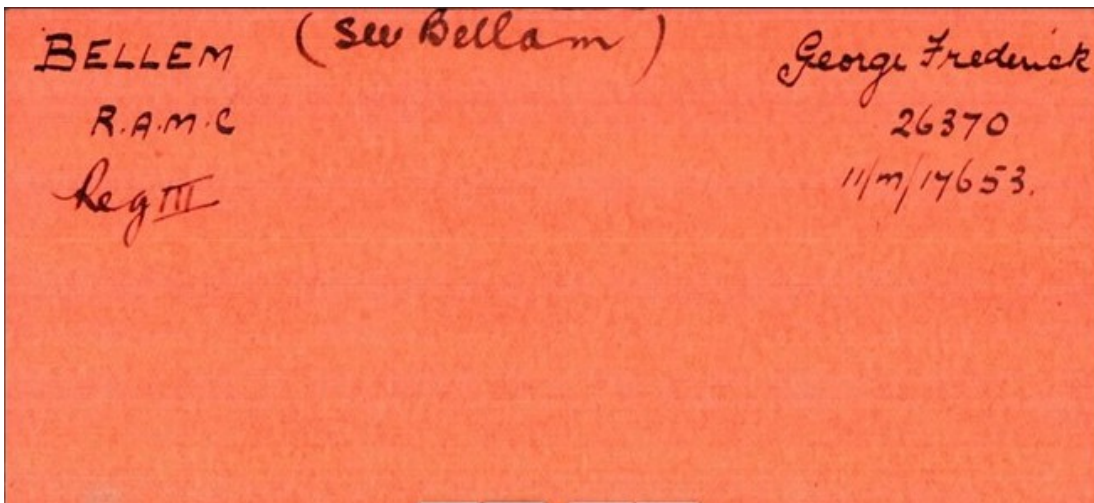
**Birth Year:** 1871  
**Birth Place:** Southampton, Hampshire  
**Service:** Army  
**Corps, Regiment or Unit:** Royal Army Medical Corps  
**Service Number:** 26370

**BELLEM, G. F., Sergt., R.A.M.C.**

Volunteering in September 1914 he was found to be physically unfit for foreign service, and throughout the period of hostilities did valuable work at various home stations. He was demobilised in July 1919.

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## **John Charles Bellem**

**Birth Year:** 1903

**Birth Place:** Newcastle under Lyme, Staffordshire

**Service:** Merchant Navy

### **Mercantile Marine War Medal**

The Mercantile Marine War Medal was established in 1919 and awarded by the Board of Trade of the United Kingdom to mariners of the British Mercantile Marine (later renamed the Merchant Navy) for service at sea during the First World War.

