

COMMANDER: 11 SA ARMoured BRIGADE

BRIGADIER: FURSTENBURG, Jan Pieter Albertus (P227158V).

He was born on 17 November 1910.

On 01/11/1932 he was authorised to wear SA Air Force Pilot wings and was promoted to 2Lt and served in the SA Air Force Reserve.

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On 01/01/1933 he entered permanent force service with the SA Air Force.

On the 06 May 1933 he was transferred to the Special Service Battalion in Bloemfontein. He was promoted to Lt on 01 Jan 1935, to Capt on 01 Jun 1938, Maj on 21 Sep 1939 and to Lt Col on 30 Oct 1940. On the 30 Oct 1940 he was transferred to the AFV training centre as the commanding officer.



On 04 Oct 41 he left for service in the Middle East as the commander of 3 Recce Battalion.

On the 14 May 42 he was promoted to Brig and transferred as the commander of the Armd Bde Group of 1 SA Division. During this period he also received a wound to the buttocks and was in 64 General Hospital to recuperate.

On 01 Feb 1943 he was transferred as the commander of 11 Armd Brigade of the 6 SA Armd Division.

He was awarded the following medals,

DSO approved on 19 Apr 45.

The 39/45 Star,

Africa Star with 8th Army clasp,

Italy Star,

Defence Medal (British),

The War Medal 39/45,

Africa Service Medal

Mentioned in Despatches for his services in Italy.

