in motor cars, his especial pride in Cambridge was an open tourer which he and Mrs von Klüber treated with loving care.

Happily, the years of his retirement brought some recompense for the troubles of his middle years, for the old family country home at 11, Kapuzinerstrasse, Baden-Baden, had escaped destruction during the war, and he was able to recover some of his family possessions. On retirement he returned to Germany, and with his wife took pleasure in restoring the house to its former comfort and elegance, and enjoyed strolls in the surrounding fields and forests.

Von Klüber died in hospital near Baden-Baden on 1978 February 14. He is survived by his wife and devoted helpmeet Lotte, whose loving care had supported him through uncertain health and troubled years. She and her husband ensured that, wherever it was, the von Klüber home was always a welcoming and hospitable place, and many astronomers who worked with von Klüber at the Malta outstation and on eclipse expeditions in the wilder parts of the world will remember that Mrs von Klüber's cheerful efficiency (and excellent cooking) could still maintain that comfort and hospitality among the most unpromising surroundings.

In his retirement von Klüber compiled a short autobiography. It contains the principal facts about his forebears, his life and career, and a list of his major published work, but no word of personal opinion or judgement upon them. Although not formally published, he arranged for typescript copies of it to be sent to a few astronomical libraries after his death. We have drawn upon it in writing this notice. In others such an action might seem egotistic, but it was manifestly von Klüber's intention to spare the time and ease the labour of whoever might be asked to write his obituary. We gratefully acknowledge this last of the many courteous and thoughtful acts of a late friend and colleague.

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