

When I turned eighty nearly two years ago I decided that, only having one good eye I should give up driving. Not that I cannot still drive but as I said to Lorna, 'supposing I have an accident it will be said that this old man with one eye should be off the road for the safety of the public. We decided to trade in the old two door Cadet and

managed to get a very good second hand Morris which was to be registered in Lorna's name. So now I am dependent on her for a lift or else I walk or bus.

On my birthday I was asked to attend a small gathering at the Drill Hall. Lorna and I were surprised on arriving there to find a big party of members of the Kaffrarian Rifles and their wives who had decided to give me a very fine sundowner party. It was a very fine gesture and a fine gathering. There were several speeches and I was then presented with a very fine desk piece. Mounted on a fine piece of wood with Regimental badges etc and a plaque suitably inscribed to mark my eightieth birthday. The desk piece with its pens etc had been made up by various officers and not a bought article.

I have nearly finished my research work on the Regimental History, for which I have thoroughly enjoyed. What and the writing of these memoirs have kept my brain active.

It is hoped to publish the history next year.

I still keep very active, always finding something to do. Now the lawn, pusher machine not power driven, do a bit of gardening, walk and there is always something to do.

Yesterday I decided to repair part of the fence but pushed too hard and it fell on me, Fortunately no damage and I was able to carry on and finish the job.

Now I think on this day the 2nd day of January 1975 I have for a while written enough boring stuff, for those of you who have waded through it all I say 'Thank you for your patience'

Yes I have lived a most interesting life and I have lived every moment of it all and enjoyed it all. Never mind the spelling never my strong point.

The one thing I pray for is that I shall never become a burden on any one. As I at present enjoy excellent health and am told by all that I do not look my age.

Lorna is very well and the children and grandchildren all well and happy.

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