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## NOTES ON ELECTRONIC ARCHIVE OF QGE JOURNAL

1. The scanning of old editions of the QGE Journal now complete and the electronic archive will survive as a history of all of QGE's endeavours. Originally referred to as Newsletters the first was produced in April 1971 and printed twice yearly thereafter.
2. From Newsletter 29 (1985) onwards it became an annual publication and in 1991 a new look Journals was published for the first time. At this time the sequential numbering of Newsletters was dropped and replaced by the year of publication.
3. The publication of the Newsletter was initially timed to arrive with members prior to the annual reunion in either Chatham or Minley and thus encourage attendance. More recently it has been published in August, prior to the Annual September AGM. To achieve this deadline means each Journal roughly cover the period from April of the preceding year to March of the year of publication. The print run usually takes place in Kathmandu by Repro Nepal Ltd in about June.
4. **Anomalies.** In carrying out this work a few anomalies have been identified which are recorded here for any future research.
  - a. **Gaps in Publishing.** There are 18 month gaps between Newsletters 30 (December 1985) and 31 (May 1987) as well as Newsletters 33 (July 1989) and 34 (December 1990).
  - b. **Unpublished Periods.** It appears no Journal was published in 1994 and this is most likely due to the turbulence at that time and the disbandment of the Regiment as part of the drawdown from Hong Kong. For the Journal, production had to switch from Hong Kong to the UK and a new editor also found.
  - c. **Editions with Missing Pages.** During the process of scanning the copies of the Newsletters held either in the Royal Engineer Archive, the Gurkha Museum in Winchester, or Regimental Headquarters The Queen's Gurkha Engineers two of the Newsletters appear to have pages missing. These are as follows:
    - (1) **Newsletter 32 (1988).** Pages 29 and 30 appear to be missing however, on inspection the Water Polo report that starts on Page 28 continues on to Page 31 and flows well as is. Therefore, unless 1988 was a particularly good year for Regimental Water Polo, necessitating at least 4 pages of news it is a reasonable conclusion to suggest the error is in page numbering and not missing text.
    - (2) **Newsletter 34 (1990).** Pages 45 and 46 are missing. These are the second page of a report on Bisley and the first page of a report on the Pipes and Drums tour of Canada.

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