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*Ramification in Bad Characteristics*

Let  $C$  be a curve over a  $p$ -adic field  $F$  and  $K = F(C)$ . For division algebras of exponent prime to  $p$ , it is known that index divides the square of the exponent and division algebras of prime degree are cyclic. Both results avoid the prime  $p$  because in that case there is no good theory of ramification of Brauer group elements. However, one can try and avoid this obstacle by defining the ramification group of a discrete valued field  $K$  with valuation ring  $R$  as the quotient of Brauer groups  $\text{Br}(K)/\text{Br}(R)$  and then study the functorial properties of this quotient. One is then led to the complete case and to consider the paper *A generalization of local class field theory by using  $K$  groups I*, by Kazuya Kato (J. Fac. Sci. Univ. Tokyo Sect. IA **26**(1979), 303–376). We will discuss the progress we have made on this problem using Kato's work.