



# ALONG THE TRACK

*With The Editor*

## Terrier v. Thylacine

An interesting note on the Thylacine or Tasmanian Tiger (locally known as "hyena") comes from Mr Harry May, of Bellerive, Hobart. He came across it when searching the files of the Hobart Town Gazette; the date is August 2, 1823:—

"A few nights ago an animal so rarely seen in the colony, but of the largest size, a Hyena Tiger, was found in the sheep fold of G. W. Gunning, Esq., J.P., of Coal River. Four kangaroo dogs which were thrown in refused to fight. He had seized a lamb when a small terrier of the Scottish breed was put in and immediately seized the animal and after a severe fight, to the astonishment of all present, the terrier succeeded in killing his adversary."

One can only comment that "all present" had very good reason for their astonishment.

wrote that Prince was safe with him in France. He had arrived at Armentieres, apparently from nowhere, and greeted his master with joy as though he had at last found the object of his search.

"The news spread through the regiment like wildfire, and Private Brown had to parade Prince before his commanding officer next morning that the latter might see for himself the truth of this amazing story. The R.S.P.C.A. eventually repatriated Prince to England, where in 1921 he died from a poison bait.

"How Prince reached France and found his master was never discovered, but on the facts he travelled by an unknown route to an unknown destination successfully — a more astounding feat than a dog finding his way home."

Incidentally, Miss Schleicher, there is nothing that I can usefully add to the yabbie notes.