

## PIONEERS AT SHEPPARTON

### Tattoo and Sports

SHEPPARTON, Sunday. — The famous regimental band of the 2/2nd Pioneers Battalion was the star attraction of a largely attended promenade concert, which was broadcast to-night from 3SR over "The Argus" network.

Fully recovered from their gruelling march, these versatile Pioneers contributed solos and choruses.

A crowd of about 4,000 was present at a military tattoo this afternoon, when a programme of tabloid sports was presented by the Pioneers. An impressive highlight was the changing of the guard. The march past was led by the C.O., Lieut.-Colonel N. F. Wellington, and the salute was taken by Colonel P. James, acting brigadier of the training battalion.

At 9 a.m. to-morrow the Pioneers will begin their homeward march of 70 miles to Puckapunyal in the longest route march held in Australian military history. When they complete to-morrow's march of 20 miles, they will have covered 90 miles. Only 10 of the complement of more than 1,000 will be unable to continue the march to-night. The men will reach Puckapunyal, via Euroa, on Thursday afternoon.

Never in the history of Shepparton have a body of troops received such hospitality as those of the 2nd/2nd Pioneer Battalion, who are being feted everywhere in the district.

Of the 1,000 men of the unit, only 10 failed to make the complete trip, and these were evacuated to hospital, most of them being severe cramp cases.