

## MARCH OF PIONEERS

From a Special Correspondent

PUCKAPUNYAL, Wednesday. — After a 20-miles march in heat and dust, the 2/2 Pioneer Battalion reached Avenel this evening. The men are nearing the completion of their 140-miles trek from Puckapunyal to Shepparton and return.

At 11.30 this morning the 1000 men, led by Lieut.-Colonel N. F. Wellington, the O.C., marched past Brigadier F. H. Christison, Area Commandant, at Seymour, who took the salute at Murchison.

The men will march into Puckapunyal camp to-morrow afternoon, where they will collect a fortnight's pay. They will receive no leave during the week-end.