

FORTY MILES COMPLETED

Pioneers' Long Trek

(By a Special Correspondent)

MURCHISON, Wednesday. — Members of the 2nd/2nd Pioneer Battalion, headed by Lieut.-Colonel N. F. Wellington, reached Murchison this evening after one of the hardest treks in Australian A.I.F. history.

Since the 1,000 men left Puckapunyal camp on Tuesday morning they have been going ahead steadily. From Nagambie they marched to Hughes Creek, and today they had covered 40 miles after a 24 miles trek.

Everywhere along the road the men have received the greatest hospitality.

On Friday the men will reach Shepparton, when the first half of the trek will have been completed.
