

**COMMENDATION** On January 30, 1987, C/Supt. R.D. Crerar, OIC, Criminal Operations, presented S/Cst. Robert Walter Agemow with a Commanding Officer's Commendation.

On October 10, 1985, an armed man barricaded himself in a two-room residence on a reserve near Red Sucker Lake. S/Csts R.W. Ogemow and T. Blacksmith of Island Lake Detachment met Cst. J. Butler of Norway House Detachment, at the scene. The suspect was sober, had a loaded rifle, and claimed he would not be taken alive. The members, aware of the suspect's lengthy record of weapons-related offences, considered him a violent and unpredictable individual. Butler and Ogemow entered the building, and for two hours, the man kept the loaded rifle aimed at them or himself, during negotiations in Cree and in English.

With their lives in constant danger, the members managed to keep a potentially tragic situation under control, and displayed a high degree of professionalism and courage in successfully arresting the suspect.



**S/Cst. R.W. Ogemow receives a C.O.'s Commendation, presented by C/Supt. R.D. Crerar.**

**PLAQUE DEDICATION** On June 19, 1987, a plaque honouring two original members of the North-West Mounted Police, was unveiled at Fort Dufferin, near Emerson Detachment. Sub-constables W.C. Brown and A. McIntosh, had succumbed to typhoid fever in 1874, prior to breaking camp and the beginning of the March West on July 8, 1874.

A/Commr. Henry welcomed dignitaries and guests including Insp. P. Piché, O.C., Steinbach Sub-Division; Rev. Linda Butler; Mr. Frank Klassen, special assistant to the Hon. Jake Epp; Mr. Albert Dreidger, Emerson MLA and Mayor Sam Sadler, of Emerson. S/Sgt. C. Tessier officiated as Master of Ceremonies, while A/Commr. Henry and Mr. Klassen unveiled the plaque, mounted on a cairn at the fort's entrance. A colour party was supplied by the Royal Canadian Legion, escorted by Sgt. D. Creighton and Cst. L. Clace, Emerson Detachment.

Students from Letellier, Emerson and Dominion City schools participated in an essay contest. Winners were awarded RCMP souvenirs and trophies, presented by A/Commr. Henry. The Post Road heritage group planted two basswood trees to commemorate the occasion. After the ceremony, a light lunch was served.

*submitted by Sgt. J.A. Cockburn*



**A/Commr. Dale Henry, C.O. "D" Division, and Mr. Frank Klassen, unveiling a commemorative plaque at Fort Dufferin.**

**RCMP BAND TOUR** The Concert Band and the Bison Band toured Manitoba during September, 1987, giving concerts in the following communities: Arborg, Ashern, Berens River, Boissevain, Brandon, Cross Lake Reserve, Dauphin, Flin Flon, Gimli, Gladstone, Hazelbridge, Leaf Rapids, Morden, Morris, Peguis Indian Reserve, Pilot Mound, Pinawa, Pine Falls, Portage la Prairie, Reston, Roblin, Ste Rose du Lac.

Sponsored by Morden RCMP, Morden Town Police and Winkler Town Police, the Band performed for students of the Western School Division during the afternoon of September 22, 1987. Another performance that evening, sponsored by the Morden Kinsmen K-40 Club, raised \$2,300 for community projects.

In Morris, where the Concert Band performed on September 23, 1987, people were thrilled, days after the performance. One senior citizen sent an additional \$10, feeling that the seniors' admission price of \$3 had been far too low. Proceeds of \$1,724 were raised for the Morris Collegiate School Band for the purchase of what is now referred to as the RCMP tuba.

A capacity crowd jammed the Pinawa Community Centre to hear the Concert Band on the last day of their tour. The event attracted people from many neighbouring communities and was a resounding success, with proceeds of over \$1,300 shared by the Eastern Manitoba Concert Associa-