

A cheque of \$150 was donated from the Depot Division Central Fund to help defray expenses for the evening. However, Troop 9 felt the money could be put to better use and in turn donated it to "The Neo-Natal Monitor for babies — Regina General Hospital" a Z99 FM radio station sponsored challenge to raise funds for the machine required by Regina General Hospital.

*submitted by Cpl. J. W. Nikite*

**SANTA CLAUS PARADE** On November 15, 1986, on a frigid but not unusual prairie winter day (-13°C, wind at 24 km/hr), the Recruit Drum and Bugle Band performed in the first Annual Regina Santa Claus Parade. The band is composed of volunteers undergoing basic training at the academy. They won 1st prize for the "best band" because of their uncommon valour to risk lip and tongue by playing their brass instruments, something other bands declined to do.



Cpl. Tom Sommerfeld (far left) accompanies the Depot Recruit Drum & Bugle Band, which braved the elements to participate in Regina's first Santa Claus Parade.

On November 1, 1986, the Force armourers at Regina, Sask. were sworn in as civilian members by the Depot Division Commanding Officer (L-R): C/Ms Bob Edwards, Tony Powaschuk and Brian Yung; C/Supt. J. A. D. Lagassé. Missing: C/M John Murray.

The Commanding Officer and staff of the RCMP Academy at Depot Division served a Christmas dinner, in the traditional spirit, to the recruits in training, on December 19, 1986. C/Supt. J. A. D. Lagassé is shown serving the first meal to the most junior member of the division, Cst. D. J. J. Plamondon.

