

Queens Guard Is No. 1!



MILT "MOOCH" MAGAW and staff caught in an informal moment.

Hard Work Key to QG Win

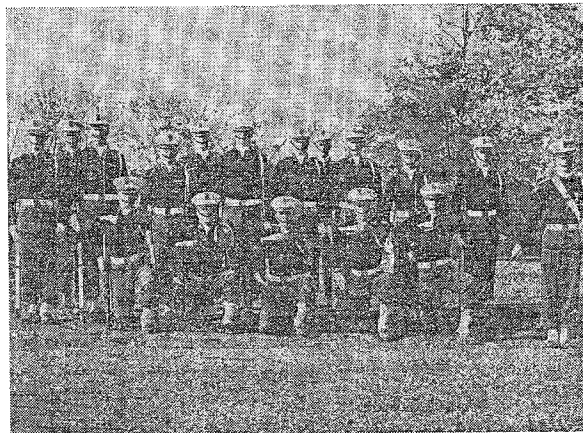
This semester the Queens Guard embarked on one of its most ambitious drill seasons since its inception in 1957. The Guard began its season at the St. Peter's Drill Meet in Jersey City on March 9 where it participated against 18 other drill teams. In its 1965 debut the Queens Guard scored 941 points out of a possible 1000 to finish a close second to Pennsylvania Military College which scored 963. The Queens Guard then traveled to Boston to compete in the Bean Pot Drill Meet which was sponsored by Northeastern University. Here, in a field of 22 teams, the "Guard" finished first in its final prepping for the national competition in Washington.

On April 9 the Queens Guard traveled to Washington, D. C. where it won the Intercollegiate Championship and also the Arnold Air Society trophy as the best ROTC trick drill team

in the Air Force. The Queens Guard rounded off its season when it went to N. Y. to participate in the World's Fair Drill Meet which was sponsored by Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute.

The Queens Guard has found that the regional competitions are excellent sounding boards for the national competition. They make it possible for the marching unit to acquire experience in competitive situations. Effective critiques and debriefings after the regional meets also aided the senior staff in making alterations and improvements in the routine to insure a top notch performance at the national competition. In all, the Queens Guard has spent better than 4000 man hours this semester in the development of the routine and the training for the drill meets.

National Champs



The Queen's Guard won this year's Cherry Blossom Festival, adjudged best ROTC drill team in the nation.

Earn National Championship At Cherry Blossom in D.C.

The Queens Guard, the precision Air Force ROTC trick drill team of the 485th Cadet Wing at Rutgers, has brought the national drill championship back to the Banks for the second time in two years. The National Intercollegiate Drill Competition was held in Washington, D. C., on April 9, 1965 in conjunction with the annual Cherry Blossom Festival. The Queens Guard competed against the 52 top drill teams in the nation (there are over 600 drill teams in the U. S.) and outclassed all opponents.

The routine which won the Queens Guard the National Championship this year is a masterful display of motion, timing, and danger. The action-packed silent routine of over 900 steps is performed with no other commands than "Forward March," and "Flight Halt." Cadet Col. Milton A. Magaw, the 1965 Queens Guard commander, has attributed the team's success not only to the routine but also "to their unwavering cooperation and dedication" which, roughly translated, means daily 6 a.m. practices.

Since its inception in 1957 the Queens Guard has strived to make itself a worthwhile extra-curricular activity and a major competitor in its field. In 1959 the Queens Guard took fifth place in the national competition at the Cherry Blossom Festival. Since then the "Guard" has been consistently rated as one of the top five drill teams in the nation. The Guard first won the national championship in 1961. It also won the National Parade Championship at the Cherry Blossom Festival to become the only team in the nation to have come in first in both drill competition categories.

The Queens Guard was led this year by a very able senior staff. The Queens Guard commander is Cadet Col. Milton A. Magaw an economics major from South River, N. J. The Executive Officer is Cadet Lt. Col. James Bopp a Ceramics Engineering Major from West Moorestown, N. J. The Drillmaster is Richard Buickerood, a Business Major from Woodbridge, N. J. The Squadron 1 commander is Bruce Johnson an Agricultural Engineer from Collingswood, N. J. The Squadron 2 commander and Information Officer is Louis Mazza, a History Major from Belleville, N. J.