

3 Friends Are Dead

A Guard's Reaction -- 'Pretty Mad, Bitter'

By Will Ellsworth-Jones

San Quentin guard Earl Greenamyer said goodbye to his wife and two children yesterday afternoon and drove for 25 minutes through the Marin County sunshine to a routine day's work at the prison.

When he arrived he found the routine had turned to tragedy — three guards, statistics to the world, but personal friends of Greenamyer, lay dead.

"I knew them all, they were fine, fine men," he said quietly last night with little visible emotion, "It hurts deeply."

Bitter

What was his first reaction? "I went to my station and helped control the emergency," he said. "There was no time to think it was only later that it really hit."

The 47-year-old tough-looking guard, who has been

at the prison for seven years, said that he and his friends were "pretty mad" at the tragedy which cost six lives.

"We're quite bitter and you can understand why," he added.

But he says he has no second thoughts about continuing at the prison. His wife too, accepts his work. He did not phone to tell her he was safe, because if he had been murdered, "I know the institution would tell her right away."

Well-Protected

Mrs. Bonnie Bradford was on the other end of the stick: she was waiting outside the gates of the prison for her husband, Ernie, a teacher in the machine shop, to come out safely.

He had been listening to the Giants baseball game in the garden about 100 yards from the jail when he heard the first shots. Like others he

rushed into the jail in his casual clothes.

"The instructors are well-protected by the guards," she said, "but you always have this doubt that someone might go crazy. I worry and sometimes I wish we were somewhere else, but my husband likes his work here."

Mrs. Bradford said she only really worried when trouble was expected and, since the guard Leo G. Davis was killed last month, they have been expecting trouble.

'Darn Unpleasant'

Mrs. Bradford standing, waiting with her three teenage daughters, considers the weeks to come and says, "It's going to be darn unpleasant, and until somebody does something its just going to keep going on."

Only last week prison officials warned of a return to "tough, old-fashioned correctional practices" after officer



TIME WAS TOO SHORT TO GET OUT OF THOSE SHORTS
Marin deputy at a San Quentin roadblock got hurry call back to duty

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Robert Laurie, 24, was stabbed in the stomach.

Several prisoners have been knifed in isolated incidents in the past few weeks and one inmate was killed

two weeks ago while watching television.

The 119-year-old maximum security prison has had its population swollen recently by transfer of "hard-case"

prisoners from Soledad prison, swept by violent racial disputes in which at least 10 persons — guards and inmates — have been killed in the last two years.