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San Quentin Prison continued to return to "normal" tod a y with more prisoners going back to work, regular visiting hours continuing and meals being served outside cells.

Associate Warden W. D. Achuff said hot meals were being served in the dining room for the third day in a row although feeding is slower than usual because some inmate workers are still locked up.

Inmates had been getting one or two cold meals a day since the Aug. 21 violence at the penitentiary because guards were being diverted to other duties.

About 700 of the prison's 2544 inmate population were on their regular jobs this morning. some inmates remained in the lockup that has persisted since the abortive escape attempt because some areas are still being searched for contraband, Achuff said.

He also reported that employe morale was up because employes have been shifted back to regular eight-hour shifts.