

ALCATRAZ STORIES

1. The following story happen in the late 1940's:

The floor in the East Gun Gallery was kept very clean and polished by Officer Pepper during his regular duty at that station. He was very proud of this fact. Some time during Pepper's off time another Officer, assigned to this station, made a hell of a mess on the floor with peanut butter and honey. Pepper, to say the least, was irate and let everyone he could know about it. Officer Breckenridge took advantage of this when assigned to the East Gun Gallery duty. He composed the following variation of Black Bart's famous poem and wrote it high on the wall in the upper level of the East Gun Gallery with a black felt pen.

I've labored long and I've labored hard
but I would gladly pay good money
to the guy who would snitch on the Son Of A Bitch
who smeared my floor with honey!

2. When visiting V.I.P.'s would eat lunch in the Officer's Mess, Associate Warden Miller would use the talents of Inmate James Pivaroff (#276) in a special way. Pivaroff was called a DIP (Dip his hand in) because he was an **Expert Pickpocket**. Associate Warden Miller would tell Pivaroff to pick a visitor clean. This could include such things as a wallet, keys, wrist watch, etc. The visitor would not even be aware he lost anything until it came time to pay for lunch (.25¢) or ask the time. **Great Fun!!**

3. While going from the Hill Tower to the Model Tower by way of the catwalk between these areas, Officers would be attacked by nesting Sea Gulls. These attacks could and did knock off some Officer hats. Some Officers had an unusual defense by using their Thompson Sub-Machine Guns as a club waving over their heads to fend off the Gulls.

4. It seems that an Officer on duty in the Dock Tower had a little problem with his guns. He called into the Armory that he had inadvertently discharged one (1) round through the floor of the Dock Tower and was told to report it to the Lieutenant on Duty. Upon investigation of this incident, it was found that he had also discharged three (3) rounds through the roof of the Dock Tower????