

Berrydale: the aftermath of the Road Camp 12 fire

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Reverse caption

[Header reference appears "MBF071701"; faint header/bureau wording is not fully readable.]

VICTIMS OF FIRE

BERRYDALE, FLA.: Blanket-covered bodies of prisoners lie on ground outside barracks awaiting transfer to the morgue after a fire at the Berrydale prison camp late July 16. Rioting convicts set fire to the wooden barracks, touching off an inferno that killed 37 of them. Only 14 men escaped alive, and six of them were severely burned.

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[Small trailing reference appears "-dg-". Other handwritten numbers/marks at the bottom are unclear in the supplied scan.]

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