



Lieut.- Cmdr. Jack Dempsey

The former heavyweight
boxing champion of the world, now
a lieutenant-commander in the
U.S. Coast Guard, photographed
yesterday in London. It is 20
years since he was last
in England

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Jack Dempsey, son of a poor timber and mining family in Manassa, Colorado, did little to stray the public opinion of boxing as a brutal sport. After Jack Dempsey began fighting at the age of 17, few opponents could claim they were left standing after a full bout with him. On July 4, 1919, Dempsey knocked Jess Willard, the man that ended Jack Johnson's title reign, flat to the canvas. It is believed Willard took one of the biggest beatings any fighter has ever suffered. He retired at the end of the third round with a broken jaw, two broken ribs, a closed eye, and a partial loss of hearing. Dempsey is widely regarded as one of the pioneers of modern boxing and has gone down in history as one of the toughest men ever to enter the ring.