

Sailors Dunk Merriman Smith in the Royal Tank aboard the USS Missouri



Description

Aboard the U.S.S. Missouri on a return trip from Brazil, pollywog Merriman Smith (a newsman) is pitched backwards from a teetering chair into the Royal Tank where he is dunked by sailors anointed with a greasy concoction, during ceremonies for those crossing the equator for the first time. (See also 66-1325.) From: Truman Home.

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People Pictured Smith, Albert Merriman, 1913-1970

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