

160 miles off Dakar, well clear of the continental shelf, the French naval bathyscaphe broke the world record ocean descent. The two men who went down were rowed ~~from/to the escort ship~~ ~~from/to the diving craft, which was constructed to the design of Professor Piccard~~

from the escort ship to the diving craft, which was constructed to the design of Professor Piccard, the Belgian scientist who made the record descent in the Mediterranean of just over 2 miles. The bathyscaphe submerged at ten

in the morning. ~~The attack Heavy cuts, ~~it~~ - was a great trouble~~  
*Very heavy electro-magnets dragged it*  
*attached 2 to hull, dragged it down*  
~~down to the seabed.~~ When they were released it came to

the surface after being below just over five hours.

The two men returned to the escort vessel to report that they'd descended 2 and a half miles, plus or

~~minus~~ Lieutenant Commander Houot and Engineer Officer Willm thus set a new record by a big margin.