"CERIST OF THE DEPTES" UNDERWATER

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The big statue of the "Christ of the Boyths" was sunk, on August 29th at midday, in the S.Frattmose of Gamogli Bay (italian Riviera), with a suggestive religious and sea rite.

This statue is dedicated to all those who never came back alive from the sea-depths and all those who are living on and for the sea. Its easting and its lowering on the bottom of the sea, were conceived 4 years ago. Its broase cas x east by the offers of the sea and sporting people from all the world.

The statue, 3 m. high, and its large base weighing 8 tons intended to secure it to the bottom, were placed on a crane-penteen around which were a torpedo-catcher and 2 mine-sweepers of italian Navy, beside a multitude of smaller boats in which had taken place the faithful arrived from all parts to attend the lowering.

After the Mass celebrated in the open, the statue began i to doseend slowly into the sea.

After the Christ's arms had disappeared under the surface, among the hissing of the war-skip heoters, 20 divers of the Marine, Carabineers and Firemen Corps, plunged with tens of underwater hunters, to pay the first hemage to the "Christ of the Depths" on its subaqueous platform.