


Tankfartyget M/T Stigstad (nr 152, 1927)



Name	Stigstad	
Type	Motor tanker	
Tonnage	5,964 tons	
Completed	1927 - Kockums Mekaniska Verksteds A/B, Malmö	
Owner	A.F. Klaveness & Co A/S, Oslo	
Homeport	Oslo	
Date of attack	21 Feb 1943	Nationality:  Norwegian
Fate	Sunk by U-603 (Hans-Joachim Bertelsmann)	
Position	49.26N, 29.08W - Grid BD 2925	
Complement	37 (3 dead and 34 survivors).	
Convoy	ON-166 (straggler)	
Route	Manchester - Liverpool (11 Feb) - New York	
Cargo	Ballast	
History	Completed in August 1927	

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På resa Manchester – New York i konvoy ON166 fick hon p.g.a. svårigheter att hålla anbefallad fart lämna konvojen och fortsätta resan utan eskort. Den 21 februari torpederad och sänkt av tyska u-båtarna U332 (Oberleutnant zur See Eberhard Hütteman) och U603 (Oberleutnant zur See Hans-Johachim Bertelsmann) på position 49° 26' N – 29° 08' V.

Snabba fakta

- Nr: 152
- Art: m.t
- Namn: Stigstad
- Typ: Tankfartyg
- Dw ton/Depl ton: 8120 dw
- Kölsträckt Start Docka: 13.11 1926
- Sjösatt Utdockad 16.6 1927
- Levererad 27.8 1927
- Beställare: A.F. Klavenes & CO A/S, Oslo