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The Lysander was a British light liaison aircraft that was used extensively during World War II. It was a slow and ungainly aircraft, but it was also very versatile and could be used for a variety of tasks, including reconnaissance, bombing, and supply dropping. One of the most famous uses of the Lysander was in the secret operations carried out by 161 Squadron.

161 Squadron was a special operations unit that was tasked with carrying out clandestine missions behind enemy lines. The squadron's pilots flew Lysanders that were equipped with special modifications, such as silenced engines and the ability to carry large payloads. The squadron's missions were often extremely dangerous, and many of its pilots were killed or captured.

One of the most famous pilots of 161 Squadron was Lysander pilot Tony Gaze. Gaze was a highly skilled and experienced pilot who flew numerous successful missions behind enemy lines. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Distinguished Service Free Download for his bravery and leadership.

The story of the Lysander pilots of 161 Squadron is a fascinating and inspiring tale of courage, sacrifice, and adventure. Their missions were often dangerous and deadly, but they played a vital role in the Allied victory in World War II.

The Lysander Aircraft

The Lysander was a British light liaison aircraft that was designed in the 1930s. It was a high-wing, single-engine aircraft with a fixed landing gear. The Lysander was not a particularly fast or agile aircraft, but it was very

versatile and could be used for a variety of tasks, including reconnaissance, bombing, and supply dropping.

The Lysander was equipped with a variety of weapons, including machine guns, bombs, and rockets. It could also be fitted with a variety of special equipment, such as silenced engines and the ability to carry large payloads. This made the Lysander ideal for secret operations behind enemy lines.

161 Squadron

161 Squadron was a special operations unit that was formed in 1941. The squadron's mission was to carry out clandestine missions behind enemy lines. The squadron's pilots flew Lysanders that were equipped with special modifications, such as silenced engines and the ability to carry large payloads.

The squadron's missions were often extremely dangerous, and many of its pilots were killed or captured. However, the squadron also played a vital role in the Allied victory in World War II. The squadron's pilots flew missions that included:

- Reconnaissance
- Bombing
- Supply dropping
- Agent insertion and extraction
- Special operations

Lysander Pilot Tony Gaze

One of the most famous pilots of 161 Squadron was Lysander pilot Tony Gaze. Gaze was a highly skilled and experienced pilot who flew numerous successful missions behind enemy lines. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Distinguished Service Free Download for his bravery and leadership.

Gaze was born in Australia in 1919. He joined the Royal Air Force in 1940 and was posted to 161 Squadron in 1941. Gaze flew numerous successful missions behind enemy lines, including missions to:

- France
- Italy
- Yugoslavia
- Greece
- Albania

Gaze was a highly decorated pilot who was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Distinguished Service Free Download for his bravery and leadership. He was also awarded the French Croix de Guerre and the Greek Military Cross.

Gaze survived the war and returned to Australia in 1945. He died in 2013 at the age of 94.

The Legacy of the Lysander Pilots

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often dangerous and deadly, but they played a vital role in the Allied victory in World War II.

The Lysander pilots of 161 Squadron are a reminder of the sacrifices that were made by so many during the war. Their story is a testament to the courage, determination, and skill of the men and women who fought for freedom.



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