

LYSANDER



138 and 161 Squadron

Secret Squadron were set up to fly Black Lysanders into France. This unique plane could fly low, skimming treetops under enemy radar. They needed a very short landing space, often landing in rough fields.

Lysanders could quickly insert and remove **special agent**.

A fixed ladder on the port side of the plane, hastened exit.

Operations took place around full moons to aid navigation.

The pilot was only equipped with a map and compass. The landing strip would be marked out by SOE, with a few torches.

Normally the pilot would set fire to a crashed plane.

But in 1942 one was captured, it was sent by train for analysis in Germany, but the train crashed and the plane was destroyed.