

# The Chinese fire drill



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Michael Keefe was a captain in the Signal Corps. He was red-headed and six foot one and he worked for a lieutenant colonel who was at-most six feet tall and was named Margaret Eriksen and was a dish known as Tiny.

Mike had been in Hawaii, enjoying himself, when he got orders to

take the first available transportation to Washington and then to report to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

Tiny briefed him on his way to West Point. "What do you know about the Bostwicks?" she asked. He said, "Not much."

But he learned a lot about them before he was through. General Bostwick had just died, and his son-in-law was Senator Colville, a top man in the field of military affairs. Anne Bostwick was the Senator's daughter and her husband was Captain Bostwick, who was missing in action in Vietnam, and someone had just sent Anne a box with two gold rings in it--a wedding band and a West Point class ring. Someone had also sent Senator Colville a note, marked "Very confidential." The note read, "Place classified ad in next Sunday New York Times offering 1957 Edsel sedan for sale. Give local phone number to call. The cognition word, radio. Response word, photo. "

Senator Colville was a very important man. And he said to Tiny, "Colonel Eriksen, you were brought here because you were the person recommended by her superiors as best qualified. You and Captain Keefe have a track record."

All, it seems, that Tiny and Mike had to do was to find out if Captain Bostwick and a Sergeant Bailey, who apparently was with him, were dead or alive, where they were, and, if alive, to rescue them without involving the Army or the U.S.

An interesting mission, A dangerous mission. And one more complicated than even such old hands as Tiny and Mike could have imagined, since it involved many desperate people including a remarkable young woman named Miss Binh and the Blue Star.

MICHAEL WOLFE has used effectively the background of post-war torn Vietnam in his previous books. This may be one of his most effective novels set in that part of the world.

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