


From the book:


GREAT WOMEN WHO CHANGED THE WORLD

Agent Fifi



REAL NAME:
Marie Christine Chilver

FACTS: During World War Two, in 1940, twenty-year-old Marie was a university student studying languages in Paris, France. Germany invaded and Marie was sent to a prison camp for British women. But Marie hatched a cunning plan and escaped back to Britain. The government was impressed by how daring Marie had been. She was given a secret identity and a very important job to do ...



Tally ho girls! Lets win this war!

SECRET MISSION

SEPTEMBER 1942, WORLD WAR TWO

Agent Fifi,

You must test our trainee spies to see if they can keep a secret. If they can be tricked by you - a British Agent - who knows what they might accidentally say to an enemy agent if we let them become proper spies.

We know you can do it Fifi. Everyone says you are a 'woman of outstanding capacity' and you are not just our secret agent. You are 'our special agent'.

Sincerely

SPECIAL OPERATIONS EXECUTIVE,
THE BRITISH INTELLIGENCE SERVICE

FIFI'S SPILL THE BEANS TEST:

Trainee spies had to pass tests in map reading, secret codes, parachuting, explosives and disguises. But Agent Fifi's test was by far the most difficult - Fifi worked undercover so trainees didn't even know they were being tested!



FIFI'S SECRET MISSION TOP TIPS:

TIP ONE: Have a spiffingly convincing cover story.

I Pretended to be a Journalist so that nobody would guess I was actually a secret agent.



To make my cover story more convincing I wrote articles for real magazines!

TIP TWO: Become jolly good at keeping trainee spies under surveillance, observing their spying techniques.



They have no idea I am watching their every move!
We have top secret work to do!



Fifi received detailed descriptions of the target trainee spy's appearance:

TARGET: Two women, one with dark hair, dark eyes and good teeth. The other is of small build. Hair has auburn tinge and she has a 'pouty' expression.

TIP THREE: Be prepared to travel anywhere at a moment's notice. Targets may be located in cafés, restaurants or even the zoo.



Of course you can trust me!

Target: Dark Hair, bushy eyebrows. Will be at the Giraffe House, London Zoo, 2:30pm.

TIP FOUR: One must have exceedingly sharp conversation skills to convince targets to share top secret information.

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TIP FIVE: Be frightfully decisive when writing a report about your mission.

Target spilled the beans. They are unsuitable for secret missions.

TOP SECRET

Keeping secrets from the enemy was so important that Agent Fifi had to promise never to talk about her job, not even to her family. Even after the war was won nobody knew about her remarkable job.

Fifi's reports said whether a trainee could be trusted or not. It was very important that only the best trainees became proper spies. If they were to be tricked by a real enemy agent, vital missions could fail and lives might be lost.



Very recently, after more than 70 years, Fifi's files were made public. It's now no secret what an amazing undercover agent Fifi was.