The Wonderfully Weird Wartime Wordsearch

This wordsearch is doubly weird! First, there is no list of words to help you! Second, it contains a weird true story from WWII.

To solve the puzzle, you need to find <u>12</u> words in the grid which have all been taken from the story. None of the words to be found is less than 5 letters. Once you have found all of the words, the remaining unused letters in the grid (read from top to bottom left to right) will reveal a hidden question, linked to this story, that must be answered.

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Warning, this puzzle is not as easy as it looks!!



Jean Gerard Leigh was the woman whose photograph was used to help trick the Germans into falling for one of the greatest deceptions of the Second World War.

Operation Mincemeat, which was to inspire a film called The Man Who Never Was in the 1950s, was devised in the spring of 1943 by two British intelligence officers. With Churchill planning to invade Italy through Sicily, a ruse was required to make the Germans believe that the attack would take place elsewhere.

Charles Cholmondeley and Commander Ewen Montagu devised the idea of

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planting false papers on an "officer" and making it look as if he had died in a plane crash at sea. They obtained a body, gave it military papers and a snapshot of his fiancée, "Pam" (in reality, a photo of Leigh) emerging from the Thames in a one-piece swimsuit.

The deception worked better than anyone had expected. German troops were redeployed to Greece and Sardinia, while Sicily was left thinly defended. A triumphant telegram was sent to Churchill: "Mincemeat swallowed rod, line and sinker." But Leigh, a young MI5 clerk , was required to be involved in a bizarre game of role-playing which had little to do with the main business of bamboozling the Germans.

Source: Story of Jean Gerard Leigh from Daily Telegraph feature on VE Heroes. Photograph credit: National Archive

The hidden question is: