

Kept 20 Years

### Nazi Pamphlet Invasion Memo

For the 20<sup>th</sup> time in 20 years, sharp memories will be revived Saturday for Dallas grocer Salvatore Cappello.

He can't forget the falling bombs, the torn bodies of American soldiers a wash in the surf and the constant fire from the German 88s at the Cherbourg beachhead on D-Day , June 6, 1944.

And while the frightened 18 year-old seaman helped launch soldiers, tanks and trucks from a liberty ship, he saw a paper floating from the sky.

"I didn't know what it was or how it goes there, but I reached up and grabbed it. Then I saw this German plane flying away and I looked at the paper and realized some of their propaganda." He said in an interview at his grocery store at 5328 Lemmon Ave.

Mr. Cappello saved that war propaganda pamphlet and after twenty years it is a bit tattered.

But from time to time he pulls it from his billfold and laughs at one of the paper's foolish questions.

"How long can you keep up with this foolish invasion?" That was the question directed to the Allies as they pounded away at the Normandy coast.

The question was answered by the pamphleteer in as "not very long." The propaganda piece told of the horrible disasters being rendered over England by the "robot-planes," presumably the V-2 rockets, and of the narrow strip of land on which the Allied forces were being trapped.

"It's up to you to think of the best way to get out of the trap in wich (which) you are caught. Time is precious. Tomorrow may be too late," the pamphlet read.

How effective was such propaganda?

"We laughed at it," Mr. Cappello, Kansas City, Mo., native, says.

"Not many of the pamphlets even reached the soldiers. Most of them fell into the water."

Mr. Cappello's Merchant Marine vessel approached "about the length of a football field" to the shore.

"We had to keep moving the boat around so they wouldn't get the range on us with the 88's," he said. "So it took about five hours before we unloaded everything."

"I made 25 trips from England to France in that same boat. After the Germans were pushed back we could land at the port cities, though, instead of at the beach," Mr. Cappello said.

Mr. Cappello, the father of two sons, Johnny, 7, and Tommy, 12 lives with them and his wife at 3515 Miles St.

