

Eleanor Mae Cramer: And at that time, you know, it was new to me and new to everybody else. We didn't have any idea what was going on because we hadn't -- it was our first experience with something like that so we naturally lived from day to day and hoped and prayed that everything would end pretty soon. We had no idea but oh, was it wonderful when it ended. Oh, everybody was so ... celebrating. It was really something.

Janis Kozlowski: Yeah, I bet.

Eleanor Mae Cramer: Happy. Oh, and even just to see my husband-to-be at that time, just to see him. It was just wonderful. Just like I couldn't believe it, he was, I guess.... We worried too because we never knew where he was. Whether he was overseas and being shot at or nothing because we had no way, you couldn't tell from the letters. We had no idea what happened. We knew the war was going on and when would we see each other and be all together. Then my brother too, they both were in different places wondering if they'd ever see each other. It was a tremendous strain not knowing, not knowing. That was the hardest part, not knowing.

Janis Kozlowski: Did you have neighbors or friends or family members that died in the war so that it hit close to home? So that it made it even more worrisome?

Eleanor Mae Cramer: No, we were lucky this time. I mean, it was just ... we were lucky that way. My husband-to-be had friends that were killed, you know, in the Air Corp. He had a lot of sorrow and things and it was sad for him. But no, I didn't know anybody personally that was taken or killed or hurt. Just I worried about him, that's all.

Janis Kozlowski: Did he talk much about his...?

Eleanor Mae Cramer: No, no, not a thing.

Janis Kozlowski: Even after the war was over, he still didn't?

Eleanor Mae Cramer: No. He didn't have anything to say about it. He wanted to forget about it. He didn't want to hear about it. He didn't want anything to do about it. That was in the past. It was not a pleasant thing. He was, you know, he just didn't want to ... didn't want to discuss anything. He'd do a little, but not much.

Janis Kozlowski: So, it sounds like after you got married, you had at least one child because I know I've been talking to your son.

Eleanor Mae Cramer: Yes. We had James ... well, we had Mark and then James came afterward when Mark was gone. Marco and I, we had a happy life but, you know, worries. And his Mother was a widow and so she also was a sweetheart, but so worried over her son, over Mark, my husband to be—her boy.

Janis Kozlowski: Was he an only child?

Eleanor Mae Cramer: No, he had a twin sister and an older sister and brother. But, you know, his twin sister was also worried because they were very close. They were twins.

Janis Kozlowski: Yeah.