

Janis Kozlowski: Plus, he was such a long way away and there wasn't a lot of transportation I imagine.

Eleanor Mae Cramer: That's true. And in those days you couldn't just drive here and there. You hitchhiked most of the time, far apart with gas. You didn't have the money to do that. We would get in cars and go together. I remember being in the road and hitchhiking with my husband—I wasn't married then [laughing]. We were hitchhiking a ride just because we needed to go somewhere that was important but we didn't have cars that we could just get in and go.

Janis Kozlowski: Um-hmm. Well, let me see. Um, can I jump back to your Lockheed job?

Eleanor Mae Cramer: Surely.

Janis Kozlowski: I wanted to ask you ... I'd seen some pictures of the Lockheed plant with camouflage netting over it being disguised as a community.

Eleanor Mae Cramer: Oh, yes.

Janis Kozlowski: What do you remember about that?

Eleanor Mae Cramer: Well, I remember that they ... I remember that it was very secretive too because they were very strict about what you said, what you did, what you had in your purse, and what you were going to do and why and that we were told to be careful. We were told not to talk about it. That was part of the rules, not to discuss what ... and I worked in the Lockheed secretive place where they checked them very closely. I was in the chemical lab at one time where they were very, very strict. We were ... we weren't, you know, weren't really locked up or anything but they were very careful about what we said, what we did, where we went.

Janis Kozlowski: Did you work like a regular eight hour shift there?

Eleanor Mae Cramer: Yes, yes. Sometimes we worked a little over time but most of the time it was eight hours. We have had where we had to stay longer to get something done.

Janis Kozlowski: Did they have more than one shift?

Eleanor Mae Cramer: Yes, they did. They had a midnight shift, the late hour. They had a morning and then another one – there were three shifts and I was in the middle one. Not the early and not the late one.

Janis Kozlowski: And your Mother was working there the same shift?

Eleanor Mae Cramer: Yes, un-hnn. She worked in a different department though. But we'd see each other, you know. I was in one end and she was in another.

I was working with the parts that were being painted, sprayed, and turning them over in the trays as they came down. They were hung on a conveyor belt and they had huge trays with parts of the

airplanes—things that we didn't know what they were. And you ... they would come down on a pulley -- like a big hanging down. And then we'd hurry, as quick as we can, had to turn them over because they were painting the other side. Then they went on a conveyor belt down to another part of the factory. But we really had to hurry because they had to be painted, sprayed, and turned and whatever they did with them.

They came on a ... I mean you could see [laughing] the great big trays coming down on the pulley, just hanging, suspending down – great big squares, I don't know how big to describe the squares that were holding these parts. But they were coming down on the conveyor belt. You could see them coming [laughing] and you'd take a deep breath and get moving. You didn't waste any time because they were on a controlled speed so that you knew that you had to hurry.

Janis Kozlowski: Do you have any idea how many of them you did a day?

Eleanor Mae Cramer: Oh, no, because it was constant. We had a little ... just a short break in between but. No, I ... it was just ... we were glad to go home at night [laughing]. It was a long day, but it was ... and you were tired. You were very glad to do it too because you knew we were doing something good. It was just a ... and besides the money was good.

Janis Kozlowski: Oh, it was?

Eleanor Mae Cramer: Yeah, we got paid pretty good for what we did. I mean in that day. In those days it wasn't a lot of money but it was a good pay.