

Janis Kozlowski: And how did, how did people feel about the war down where you lived? Or how did you feel about it? What did you think?

Eleanor Mae Cramer: We were scared and we were worried about my boyfriend, you know, and what was gonna happen to him because you didn't know. We didn't know where he was going or where they put him or nothing—it was completely blocked. We had no idea what was going on. Everything was hush, hush. You didn't discuss anything, you didn't hear anything and you weren't told anything.

Janis Kozlowski: Right. Did it cross your mind that maybe that he was over in Europe or?

Eleanor Mae Cramer: Oh, we were scared all the time. We didn't know where he was going or what they were doing and if he was gonna be safe. And no, they didn't tell us and we would worry. We had no idea where he was or what was going on because they just weren't allowed to.

Janis Kozlowski: So there was new ... any news that you heard if it was bad you thought, "Oh, he might be over there."

Eleanor Mae Cramer: Yeah, we just didn't know. And fortunately he was kept in the Aleutian Islands but I didn't know that. We didn't have any idea, you know, that that was all and that was where he was. We didn't know until after everything was over that that's where he was. We knew where he went but we didn't know what happened after that. But that was it.

It was very ... you didn't know whether he was gonna be killed or not. It was scary. You just, you know, you'd hear the news and you'd wonder. It was a....

Janis Kozlowski: Did you have other family members ... I know your ... it sounds like your Father and your Mother and yourself you were all involved in the war effort. Did you have other family members also involved?

Eleanor Mae Cramer: Oh yes. My brother [Norman] was in the service at the time. He was in service, so, I don't know. He didn't talk about it either. We didn't write letters or anything like that--not between my brother and I. But we did know where each other was. I mean I didn't know where he was. He knew where he was but I didn't.

Janis Kozlowski: Where did he end up serving?

Eleanor Mae Cramer: Uh, I don't ... it was in, the last I knew he was in our area, in Los Angeles, but not where we knew where he was--exactly where he was. We just knew that you could just write to him. It went to the government—his name and whatever they had, a code or something we had ... the Air Corp or something, whatever he was in.

Janis Kozlowski: Oh, so that's how it worked. They just gave you like a....

Eleanor Mae Cramer: He was working with the anti aircraft. We knew that, that he was working ... my brother was working with the anti aircraft and my husband was working with the

Air Corp. I don't know, something with the Air Corp. But they were in two different departments and, of course, my Mother and I were both in the paint department at Lockheed. She was in a different section.

Janis Kozlowski: Ok.