

Eleanor Mae Cramer Transcript Summary

[0:00:00] Working at Lockheed plant in Burbank, California; type of work done at Lockheed; sealant for gas tanks; Fred Caruso; secrecy of the product, plant workers sworn to secrecy about Lockheed's work; aircraft the gas sealant was used on; where Eleanor worked in the plant; length of time working at Lockheed; mother working at Lockheed; pins awarded for length of employment; pride in work

[0:03:30] Why she chose to work for Lockheed; pride in helping the government war effort; women working in the factory; age when employed at Lockheed; pins awarded by Lockheed; composition of work force at Lockheed

[0:06:01] Marital status while working at Lockheed; Marco Cramer in the Air Corp.; secrecy of many peoples work at the time; pride people had in their country and what they were doing; Lockheed checking workers as they came and left the plant

[0:08:40] Car pooling to work; gas rationing; remembering stress when fiancé left for unknown war assignment; secrecy of what Marco did for the Air Corp., Marco not knowing he would end up in Alaska; censoring mail; length of time Marco served in Alaska; Marco's role as a chemical engineer for the Air Corp.

[0:12:37] Lack of transportation and gas during the war; hitch hiking; Lockheed's strict policies on information; shift work, spraying and turning parts on a conveyor system; pay at Lockheed

[0:16:37] Living situation during the war in southern California; funny story about living on Eleanor Avenue in Hollywood; Eleanor's father's job working in the desert for the military; weekend visits with Dad; fathers job before the war, parents names; funny story about Eleanor Mae's maiden name; attending school at UCLA; car pooling to work at Lockheed; work clothing

[0:21:48] Fred Caruso; patented sealant for gas tanks; secrecy of sealant; size of Lockheed plant; camouflage netting over Lockheed plant, bomb scares; Marco in Alaska; censoring mail; fear of not knowing where Marco was and if he was well; being careful about what you said and who was listening; Lockheed's check of workers coming and going from the plant

[0:27:35] Feelings of being scared and worried about Marco's safety; brother's military service

[0:30:30] Parents occupations following the war; family being split up during the war; effects of Roosevelt's speeches on sense of duty, food rationing; oleo; canned meat; how food was doled out; not knowing when the next ration would be handed out.

[0:35:04] Most lasting memories of war: fear for health of loved ones; effect of World War II on life after it; Eleanor's view about whether the US would enter the war (before Pearl Harbor), remembering where she was when the war ended and how she felt about it; reuniting with Marco after the war; Air Corp at UCLA; meeting Marco on campus

[0:40:42] What Marco did following the end of the war; marriage and settling in southern California, Marco's career with the government following the war; working with propellants; life after the war; rationing

[0:45:43] Influence the war had on Eleanor; peoples response to the war's end; going without favored foods; rationing

[0:48:22] Post war celebration; experiencing combat losses during the war; Marco's reluctance to discuss the war in year's following it; starting a family; Marco's family in Ohio

[0:51:39] Living through a very emotional time during the war; Lockheed's strict security policies; male workers at Lockheed teasing young Eleanor; how Eleanor was treated by fellow male workers at Lockheed

[0:55:48] Intentions to work at a profession before the war broke out; treatment of women at Lockheed; working until her child arrived; then becoming a stay-at-home mom

[0:58:04] Characterizing Marco; death of Marco; on her marriage and hardships over the years

[1:01:12] Living in southern California following the war; living a comfortable life; joy of seeing fiancé after war was over; praise for co-workers at Lockheed

[1:03:51] Praise for Lockheed; Marco's sense of humor; visiting Marco's mother; hardships of separation between Eleanor's parents

[1:06:17] Joy at war's end; reveille in the Aleutians; cooking a chicken in a paper bag

[1:09:25] Marco's sense of humor, Marco's education and intelligence; Eleanor's fathers education and intelligence; Eleanor's mother; being thankful for a good life