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World War II-era photo of a woman working on a bomber plane at the Douglas Aircraft Company plant in Long Beach, California. The original caption reads: This girl in a glass house is putting finishing touches on the bombardier nose section of a B-17F navy bomber, Long Beach, Calif. She's one of many capable women workers in the Douglas Aircraft Company plant. Better known as the "Flying Fortress," the B-17F is a later model of the B-17 which distinguished itself in action in the South Pacific, over Germany and elsewhere. It is a long range, high altitude heavy bomber, with a crew of seven to nine men, and with armament sufficient to defend itself on daylight missions. This photo shows Phyllis Ann Marxson Clark, a North Dakota native who was eighteen at the time the photo was taken.



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