



Dale W. Bish, Pvt. 1st Class
U.S. Marine Corps – World War II

Dale Bish joined the Marine Corps in 1944 at the age of 17, first stationed at Paris Island and Camp Lejeune for combat training. Pvt. 1st Class Bish was then shipped to Camp Pendleton, California, then to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

As a member of the 1st Marine Division, 5th Marine Battalion, Company B, he landed on Iwo Jima on February 19, 1945. Along with the 3rd Marine Division, his Company went on to the Air Field No. 3 on the Northeast coast of the island in the second wave to land on Iwo Jima. He was wounded in a March 8, 1945 battle and was evacuated to a hospital on Guam. He recuperated in Guam until the middle of September 1945 when he received papers to transfer to Tangku, China where he served as a M.P. Sergeant of the guard for just over a year.

In October 23, 1946, Dale Bish boarded a Black Widow fighter which delivered him to New York and then a commercial plane on to Erie, PA where he was met by his family. He said it was the longest 2 ½ years away from family and home, but he knew it was for his family and country that he served and that made it all worthwhile.

Mr. Bish now resides in Mercer with his wife, Frances in Mercer. His family is completed with a daughter, Laura J Boron and husband Keith, Masury, Ohio and a son, Dale Scott Bish & wife Linda of Mercer. They have 4 grandchildren.