Individual Report for George Emery Baya



Individual Summary:	**George Emery Baya**
Sex:	Male
Father:	Harry Porcher Baya Sr.
Mother:	Elva Jessie Bending

Individual Facts:

Birth:	11 Sep 1907 in Tampa, Florida
Military Service:	25 Nov 1940 ; Age: 33
Military Service:	30 Dec 1950 ; Age: 43
Military Service:	14 Sep 1954 ; Age: 47
Unspecified:	31 May 1960 ; Age: 52
Death:	08 Feb 1987 in Tampa, Florida
2-9-1987 Tampa Bay Times	09 Feb 1987 in St. Petersburg, Florida
Obituary For BAYA C Emer	09 Feb 1987 in Tampa, Florida
Burial:	Myrtle Hill Cemetery Tampa, Florida
Residence:	2009 Bayshore Blvd Tampa

Shared Facts:	**Madge Greenway White**
Marriage:	30 Dec 1933 in Abingdon, Virginia
Children:	Madge Greenway Baya
	Harry Porcher Baya 3rd

Shared Facts:	**Patricia Eliza ?**
Marriage:	Feb 1985 in Tampa, Florida
Children:	[no children with Patricia Eliza ?]

Notes:

Person Notes: George Emery Baya was known as Emery [and abbreviated as GEB elsewhere in this FTM file]. He was the uncle and namesake of this preparer (Emery Edward Baya) [EEB elsewhere in this FTM file]. In the 1970's, GEB along with his brother Harry P. Baya, Jr., (EEB's father) performed most of the genealogical research on the Baya family that is contained in this FTM file. This preparer is collaborating with GEB's son (my first cousin), Harry Porcher Baya 3rd (HPB 3rd), and my sister (Rosalie Adeline Baya) to assimilate the available paper documents being used for this digital FTM file.

One document prepared by GEB in 1976 was entitled "George Emery Baya of Florida - V.M.I. 1927, Highlights of my life since 1927." It reads:

Studied law, admitted to The Florida Bar 1930, practiced in Tampa 1930-40. In 1933 married the girl I fell in love with at V.M.I. hops, Madge White of Abingdon, Virginia (sister of Jimmy '25, cousin of Windy '26). She has since been and is now my beloved wife. She bore me a fine daughter in 1937, a fine son in 1939.
World War II changed my life. In 1940 I entered active Federal service, a Lt. Col., Field Artillery, Florida National Guard. Served with the 31st Infantry Dixie Division in New Guinea, attended the Army Navy Staff college in 1944, then to Hq, Tenth Army in Oahu where I helped plan the world's largest ever ship-to-shore amphibious operation, the landing on Okinawa. Made the landing on Okinawa April 1, 1945, served there until the Japanese surrender, then to Korea with the occupation troops. Remained on active duty and received a Regular Army commission in 1946. Served in the Pentagon 1946-50, London 1950-52, graduated from the Army War College 1953, was Chief of the U.S. Army Mission to Venezuela 1954-57, Deputy Corps Commander, XII U.S. Army Corp,

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1957-60, retired as colonel, Regular Army, 1960. In 1960 returned to Tampa and the practice of law. Dated at Tampa, Florida this _ July 1976.

The following was transcribed from the "Baya Family history" prepared by Harry P. Baya Jr. in 1977:

Born in Tampa, graduated from VMI with BS in civil engineering at age 19. Taught at SFMI one year and studied law and entered practice with Father. Married Madge White from VA - their children Madge and Harry Porcher. (Harry married Bonnie Birdsall from N.J. - their sons Matthew Joseph and Paul). Em was called to active duty with 116th FA in 1940 as a Lt. Col. He served in the Pacific and with 10th Army staff. He helped plan the invasion of Okinawa and made the initial landing. He then started planning the invasion of Japan when war ended. After the war he elected to stay in the Army and was a full Colonel in the Regular Army. He raised his family in Washington, England and South America until his retirement in 1960. Back in Tampa he moved into the old homeplace and into the office and again took up his law practice.