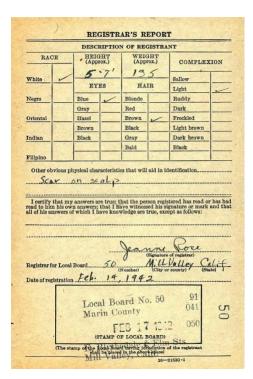
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COL Wilbur A. "Wib" Tapscott, who served as commander of the 80th FBS between August 1952 and February 1953, celebrates his 100th birthday on 25 September 2021. In celebration of this rare milestone, we're sharing a few highlights from his distinguished career.

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For those of you who've never pondered a WWII-era draft registration card, here's COL Tapscott's...





2LT Tapscott's first combat assignment was with the 111th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron in the Mediterranean theater, flying cannon-armed P-51 *Mustangs*.





CAPT Tapscott's first command assignment was the 12th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron at Furth AB, Germany, between July 1945 and February 1946, with F-6D *Mustangs*.



LTC Tapscott at K-13, summer 1952. It's easier to smile when nobody's shooting at you.



Tapscott (L) with MAJ Franklyn Q. Smith, the 80th FBS's executive officer. Smith succeeded Tapscott as squadron commander.



F-101B Voodoos of the 84th Fighter Interceptor Squadron, assigned to Hamilton AFB, CA. The unit was under LTC Tapscott's command between July 1964 and June 1965.



Following promotion to "full bird colonel," COL Tapscott commanded the 7th Airborne Command & Control Squadron at Udorn RTAB, Thailand, October 1970-71.

Seen here is one of the unit's EC-130Es on the ramp at Udorn, circa 1971.

COL Tapscott's official portrait.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, BOSS!

