

HEADHUNTER CENTENARIAN

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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REGISTRATION CARD—(Men born on or after February 17, 1897 and on or before December 31, 1921)

SERIAL NUMBER T ^a 304	1. NAME (Print) Wilbur Alan Tapscott	ORDER NUMBER T 10560
2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print) Cypress Ave Kentfield Marin Calif.		
3. MAILING ADDRESS Box 375 Kentfield, California		
4. TELEPHONE 3528	5. AGE IN YEARS 20	6. PLACE OF BIRTH Kentfield Calif.
7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS Mrs. Clara C. Tapscott Box 375 Kentfield, California		
8. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS W. R. Castro		
9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS 718 4th Street San Rafael Marin Calif.		

I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.

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Registrar's signature: *W. A. Tapscott*

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

RACE	DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT		
	HEIGHT (Approx.)	WEIGHT (Approx.)	COMPLEXION
White	5-7'	135	Sallow
			Light
	EYES		HAIR
Negro	Blue	Blonde	Ruddy
	Gray	Red	Dark
Oriental	Hazel	Brown	Freckled
	Brown	Black	Light brown
Indian	Black	Gray	Dark brown
		Bald	Black
Filipino			

Other obvious physical characteristics that will aid in identification.....
Scar on scalp

I certify that my answers are true; that the person registered has read or has had read to him his own answers; that I have witnessed his signature or mark and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:

Registrar for Local Board: *Jeanne Rose* (Signature of registrar)
50 (Number) Mill Valley Calif. (City or county) (State)

Date of registration: Feb. 18, 1942

Local Board No. 50	91
Marin County	041
FEB 17 1942	050

(STAMP OF LOCAL BOARD)

(The stamp of the Local Board authority jurisdiction of the registrant shall be placed in the above space)

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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!**

