

# **5040 RADAR EVALUATION FLIGHT, ELECTRONIC COUNTER MEASURES**

## **MISSION**

## **LINEAGE**

5040 Radar Evaluation Flight, Electronic Counter Measures

## **STATIONS**

Elmendorf AFB, AK

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

## **WEAPON SYSTEMS**

## **COMMANDERS**

## **HONORS**

**Service Streamers**

**Campaign Streamers**

**Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

**Decorations**

## **EMBLEM**

## **MOTTO**

## **OPERATIONS**

15 November 1957 USAF Boeing TB-29-75-BW Superfortress, 44-70039, of the 5040th Radar Evaluation Flight, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska, crashed 39 miles (63 km) SE of Talkeetna, Alaska at 1822 hrs. Mission departed Elmendorf on a ground radar calibration mission at 0954 under instrument flight rules on flight path to the Aircraft Control and Warning radar stations at Campion near

Galena and then Murphy Dome, N of Fairbanks. Flight covered 1,800 nmi (3,300 km). with ten hours in the air. Superfortress had fourteen hours' fuel and a crew of eight plus an instructor pilot. On final leg of approach to Elmendorf, bomber came down on glacier now known as "Bomber Glacier", three crew with major injuries and one with a minor injury later upgraded to major, others KWF. Due to remoteness of crash site, wreckage is still there.

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