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33rd FW drops first live bombs

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Eglin Air Force Base, Florida— Pilots from the 33rd Fighter Wing dropped live munitions from the F-35A for the first time here, January 17.

Two aircraft each launched a live GBU-12 over the Eglin range marking a first for the Air Education and Training command.

The F-35A can carry two thousand pounds of air-to-ground munitions in each weapons bay.

In total, Airmen from the 33rd Aircraft Maintenance squadron loaded six aircraft with GBU-12s to support munition drops throughout the week.

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Smoke appears after a GBU-12 detonates on a range at Eglin Air Force Base, Florida, January 17, 2017. The GBU-12 was released from an F-35A assigned to the 58th Fighter Squadron, this was the first time the unit dropped live ordnance from the aircraft.