April 18 - 19, 1775 - The Lexington Alarm

Colonial Militia

10:30 p.m. — Paul Revere crosses Charles River to begin his ride.

12:00 a.m. — Revere Alarms Lexington.

1:00 a.m. — Revere and Dawes stopped by British patrol. Prescot escapes to alarm Concord.

5:00 a.m. — **77 militia**: First shots of the Revolution at Lexington, leaves 8 colonists dead and 10 wounded. There are no British casualties.

9:30 a.m. — **400 militia**: "The shot heard round the world." Fighting erupts at the North Bridge. Here, the first order for the miltia to fire on the British is given. The first British soldiers fall - 3 killed, 9 wounded. 2 colonists die, 4 wounded.

12:30 p.m. — **800 militia**: Colonists attack the British column at Meriam's Corner.

1:30 p.m. — **1500 militia**: Colonists ambush the British at a bend in the road known today as Bloody Angle. 8 British are killed and many more wounded. 3 colonists are killed further on.

4:30 - 6 p.m. — **3500 militia**: Heavy fighting in Menotomy. 40 British and 25 colonists are killed.

6:30/7:00 p.m. — **3500 - 4000 militia**: The militia end the pursuit as the British reach the Charlestown peninsula. During the next several days, thousands more miltiamen will arrive in the area, encamp, and begin the siege of Boston.

British Regulars

10:30 p.m. — 700 British soldiers assemble on Boston Common for the Concord expedition.

2:00 a.m. — British soldiers have finished crossing Charles River and begin their march

7:00 a.m. — British enter Concord to search for and destroy military supplies. Militia from Concord and Lincoln fall back across North Bridge.

12:00 p.m. — The British column begins return march to Boston.

3:00 p.m. — 1000 British reinforcements arrive just east of Lexington Green and save the exhausted British column.

6:30/7:00 p.m. — The British reach Charlestown and safety. Darkness brings an end to the fighting for that day, but the war had now begun.