



FIGURE 5 (Left) private, 26th Regiment, 1742; (right) officer, 1st Foot, 1792.



The first shots of the Revolution were fired in 1775 at the Battles of Lexington and Concord.

# MASSACHUSETTS







Minuteman



Redcoat



Massachusetts Bay Colony



Lexington Green



Shot Heard Round the World

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