



Introducing the *Lexington IPA*

Commemorating the "Shot Heard 'Round The World"

We are very pleased to introduce our new "Lexington IPA." This bold IPA is dedicated to the battles of Lexington and Concord where the "shot heard 'round the world" was fired, thus initiating the American War for Independence.

The Battles of Lexington and Concord were the first military engagements of the American Revolutionary War. They were fought on April 19, 1775, within the towns of Lexington and Concord near Boston. The battles marked the outbreak of open armed conflict between Great Britain and the thirteen colonies in British North America.

About 700 British Army regulars, under Lieutenant Colonel Francis Smith, were given secret orders to capture and destroy military supplies that were reportedly stored by the Massachusetts militia at Concord. Through effective intelligence gathering, Patriot colonials had received word weeks before the expedition that their supplies might be at risk and had moved most of them to other locations. They also received details about British troop movements on the night before the battle.

The first shots were fired just as the sun was rising at Lexington. The militia were outnumbered and fell back, and the Regulars proceeded on to Concord, where they searched for the supplies. At the

North Bridge in Concord, approximately 500 militiamen fought and defeated three companies of the King's troops. The outnumbered Regulars fell back after a pitched battle in open territory.

More militiamen arrived soon thereafter and inflicted heavy damage on the Regulars as they marched back towards Boston. Upon returning to Lexington, Smith's expedition was reinforced by Brigadier General Hugh Percy and the combined force of about 1,700 men marched back to Boston under heavy fire in a tactical withdrawal to the safety of Charlestown. The accumulated militias blockaded the narrow land accesses to Charlestown and Boston, starting the Siege of Boston. Approximately 100 militia were killed on that day in 1775, but British losses were severe. Of the original 700 Regulars more than one third, about 250, were killed or wounded.

In the morning, Boston was surrounded by a huge militia force, numbering over 15,000, which had marched from throughout New England. These became the new "Continental Army," and "The Revolution" was on.

Ralph Waldo Emerson, in his "Concord Hymn," described the first shot fired by the Patriots at the North Bridge as the "shot heard 'round the world."
