

The Boston Massacre, Boston,
 Massachusetts, March 5th, 1770 (*PAGE 2*)

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22 Private White could not leave his post but at the same time he knew the crowd would not let up.		
23 He decided to call reinforcements to the scene yelling, “Turn out main guard! Turn Out!”		
24 His call for help was answered by another call from the mob, “Town Born turn out!” which meant the crowd was calling for more to join the mob.		
25 Six to seven soldiers responded to the call to assist the sentry .		
26 As they approached Private White, they brandished their muskets fixed with bayonets to ward off any persons too close to their fellow redcoat.		
27 Even as they did so, people refused to move out of the way.		
28 Captain Preston formed his men around Private White, but stood in front of them in order to make sure they would not fire unless ordered by him to do so.		
29 The crowd became even larger and shouts came from every direction daring the soldiers to fire.		
30 Even some Bostonians loyal to the redcoats took up position behind the soldiers.		
31 From there they too yelled for the soldiers to fire into the crowd.		
32 The snowballs and jarring by the crowd continued.		
33 Suddenly a stick flew from the crowd and struck Private Montgomery .		
34 Montgomery cocked his musket and fired into the crowd.		
35 At that same time a man tried to hit Montgomery’s arm and made a second blow aimed at Captain Preston’s head.		
36 His swing missed only hitting Preston on the arm.		
37 Preston moved behind his troop and without warning and not by the command of Captain Preston, the soldiers opened fire into the crowd.		
38 After a series of volleys from the soldiers, several citizens in the crowd were killed and several more wounded.		
39 The mob backed off from the soldiers only leaving a few in the streets to care for the fallen.		
40 Captain Preston cried out for a cease fire pushing the muskets into the air demanding to know why the soldiers fired.		
41 Their response was that they heard the order to fire come from the captain himself even though he gave no such order.		