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NOTE: MINUTEMEN OF 1775

The term "minutemen" is usually associated with the militia of the colony of Massachusetts. There, in 1774, several counties selected one-third of their force to be prepared to assemble under arms "at a minute's warning." The new Provisional Congress of Mass sought to reorganize all counties under this dual system of regular militia and minutemen. In July 1775, the Continental Congress in Philadelphia recommended "one-fourth part of the militia in every colony be selected as minutemen of such men as are willing to enter into this necessary service." See:

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