Military Images from the Revolutionary War Era

Since photography was not invented during the 1770s and 1780s, paintings, sketches, and engravings are helpful resources for what military scenes looked like. These images are from the 18th Century and not all of them are completely accurate; sometimes these images also had layers of story-telling and propaganda in them as well.

1. Boston Massacre engraved by Paul Revere
2. Map of Fort Ticonderoga, mid-18th Century
3. Attacking British troops returning from Concord
4. City and Port of Boston
5. Continental Army soldiers, 1781
6. Dublin Volunteers, 1779
7. Battle of Princeton
8. Surrender at Saratoga
9. Battle of Cowpens
10. A German illustration of American riflemen
11. City and Port of Charleston, South Carolina
12. British Soldier cartoon
13. Hessian Soldiers
14. Siege of Yorktown
Unhappy Boston! For the Sons deplore.
They slumber West behind us with gallant care.
March, March, March, and his savage bands.
With martial praise, we stretch their bloody hands.
Like fierce Barbarians, gaining on their prey.
Approve the courage and enjoy the day.

Unhappy innocents were lost.
Says Gist, Sanz, Maverick, James Caldwell, Crepus Attucks, & Pat Carr.
Killed, five wounded, two of them. (Christ & Monk & John Clark) Mortally.
Regiment von Bofe

Adj. St. Excell. General Lieutenant von Bofe