

THE ACTION AT CONCORD CENTER APRIL 19, 1775

PROVINCIAL FORCES

Commander: Colonel James Barrett

1. Wright Tavern

- In response to the alarm the Concord militia and minutemen gathered here as planned.
- Major John Buttrick, the senior officer present, ordered Reuben Brown to Lexington to confirm the alarm.
- About daybreak Brown returned and reported hearing shots.
- A company of minutemen arrived from Lincoln.

2. Meriam's Corner

- Minute companies of Concord and Lincoln posted.
- Retreated into town as the Regulars approached.

3. Arrowhead Ridge

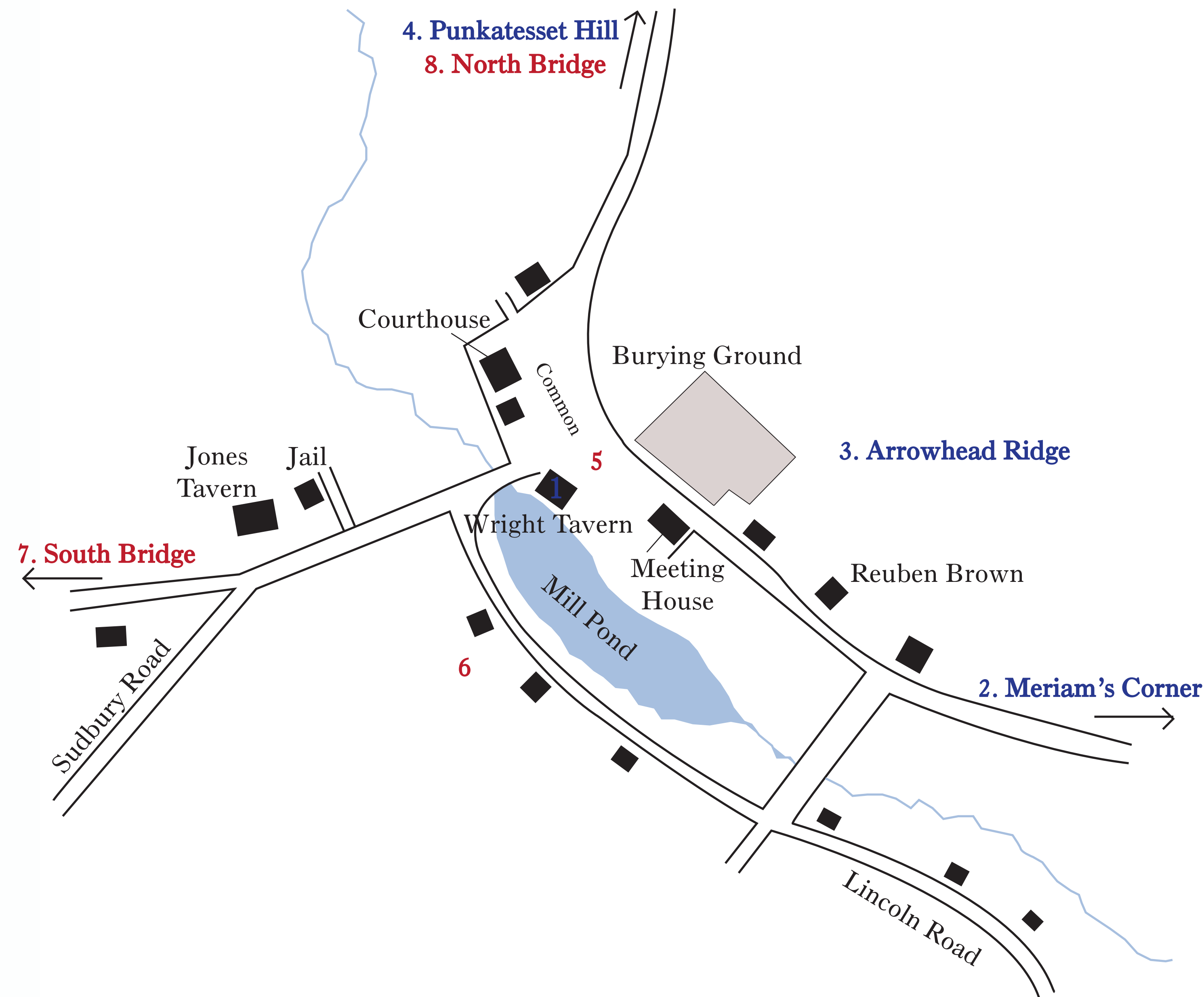
- As the Regulars approached Concord the Provincials moved to the Ridge overlooking town.
- Colonel Barrett and the minute companies arrived.
- Barrett ordered a withdrawal to Punkatasset Hill.

4. Withdrawal to Punkatasset Hill

- Major John Buttrick and Lieutenant Brown supervised the withdrawal to wait for men from surrounding towns.
- Major Barrett returned to his farm to hide the remaining supplies.

"...the daily activities of the town were suspended while all waited and watched." - Lemuel Shattuck

In the early hours of April 19, 1775 Dr. Samuel Prescott rode into Concord to raise the alarm. The moment the townspeople of Concord had been preparing for was upon them, the Regulars were on their way.



BRITISH REGULAR FORCES

Commander: Lieutenant Colonel Francis Smith

5. Lt. Colonel Smith's Orders:

- Captain Pole to South Bridge with a company of light infantry.
- Captain Parson to North Bridge with six companies of light infantry.
- Major Pitcairn to search the town with grenadiers and marines. The townspeople were to be treated properly and their private property respected.

6. Pitcairn's Search

- Uncovered 500 pounds of musket balls (thrown into the Mill Pond)
- 60 barrels of flour (broken open)
- 3 iron guns (knocked the trunnions off)
- Wooden spoons and trenchers (burned)

7. South Bridge

- Pole and his men secured the bridge.
- Searched surrounding houses, including the Hosmer house.
- Left when they heard shots.
- Pulled up planks of the bridge as they went.

8. North Bridge

- Parsons led 6 companies to the North Bridge.
- 3 companies were left to guard the bridge.
- **Three companies moved on to Barrett's farm to search for supplies.**

