

1774

Arrives in Boston, America. America was ruled by Britain but the Americans wanted to be free. They begin to fight the British Army. He is promoted to master's mate aboard the 50 gun ship 'Preston'. A master was captain of a ship.

1775

Collingwood is in charge of a landing of British soldiers attacking the Americans. He is promoted to Lieutenant for the bravery shows. A lieutenant could be in charge of several ships. To become a lieutenant you had to be in the navy for at least 6 years and pass very hard exams.

1778

Takes over from Nelson in the 32 gun frigate 'Lowestoft'.

1779

Collingwood becomes 'master' of the 28 gun frigate 'Hichinbrooke'. A master was captain of a ship. Nelson, who was younger, was promoted to 'post captain'. 'Post Captains' were the top captains in the navy.

1780

Collingwood promoted to post captain.