

Longfellow House - Washington's Headquarters
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The Bee

1863

The Bee was a group of teenaged Cambridge, Massachusetts girls that formed a sewing circle to contribute to the Civil War effort by sewing shirts, knitting socks, and rolling bandages for the soldiers. They named themselves "the Banks Brigade" after Union General Nathaniel Banks. This was shortened to "the B.B." and finally "the Bee."

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