

THE  
**LINCOLN LOG**  
*ON THIS DAY,*

DECEMBER 11, 1861

President Lincoln attends a Senate session during which several senators eulogize Lincoln's friend, Edward Baker, who died on October 21, during the Battle of Balls Bluff, Virginia. The Senate body resolves to honor the memory of their colleague by encouraging members to wear a cloth band "on the left arm for thirty days." A newspaper reports, "Visits of the President to either House of Congress are of rare occurrence. This is the first instance of the kind certainly within the past quarter of a century."



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