

THE
LINCOLN LOG
ON THIS DAY,

MARCH 8, 1864

In the evening, at a White House reception, President Lincoln meets General Ulysses S. Grant, who is in Washington to accept a Lieutenant-General commission. The two men had not previously met face-to-face. A newspaper reports, "The President...approached and shook him by the hand. The meeting was mutually cordial." The report adds, "There has never been such a coat-tearing, button-bursting jam in the White House as this soldier has occasioned. The cheering and waving of handkerchiefs was in the customary fury of Americans ever popular favorites."



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