

THE
LINCOLN LOG
ON THIS DAY,

OCTOBER 4, 1861

At General William Franklin's headquarters, President Lincoln "and others" attend a flag presentation ceremony. While there Lincoln observes aeronaut John La Mountain's ascent in the hot-air balloon, "Saratoga." A newspaper reports, "The rope broke, and the balloon sailed off. It landed safely...in Maryland, about six miles from Beltsville, which is twelve miles from Washington, on the Baltimore and Washington Railroad."



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