

On This Date **November 30, 1986**

In 1936, as an 18-year-old rookie at the Baltimore Orioles' spring training camp, pitcher Roy Bruner draws considerable attention by team officials. His actions on the firing line are excellent. "That boy is going to make a pitcher someday," says Orioles' manager Guy Sturdy as he watches the youngster work on the mound. "He is two or three years away, but he has everything to make a good chucker."

Sturdy's observations prove to be prophetic as the Louisville native will make his major league debut in 1939 with the Philadelphia Phillies.

Born on February 10, 1917, in Cecilia, Kentucky, Bruner is 11-6 with the International (AA) League's Baltimore Orioles when he and catcher Joe

Kracher are sold to the Philadelphia Phillies on September 7, 1939. Bruner makes his major league debut on September 14, pitching an 11-hit complete game in a 5-2 loss to the Chicago Cubs. He will make four starts that season and lose all four decisions with a 6.67 ERA.

In 1941, he starts the season with the Phillies and is 0-3 in 13 games. On May 29, he receives notice to appear for a physical examination. Bruner enters the Army Air Corps and serves in Europe as a bombardier and takes part in 50 missions, returning to the United States in July 1944.

He returns to baseball for two seasons in 1946 with Rochester and 1947 with Birmingham. In parts of three major league seasons with the Phillies, he is 0-7 with a 5.74 ERA. Following baseball, he becomes the owner of the Bruner Aluminum Company in Louisville. He passes away on November 30, 1986 in St Matthews, Kentucky, at the age of 69.

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