

On This Date **November 13, 1986**

On April 21, 1953, the same day that St. Louis Browns owner Bill Veeck says he considers himself "dead" with the fans in St. Louis, North Carolina native **Dixie Upright** hits his first, and only major league career home run.

Trailing 4-2 in the eighth inning before a sparse Tuesday afternoon Cleveland Stadium crowd of 1,772, St. Louis Browns' player/manager Marty Marion calls on the left-handed hitting Upright to pinch hit for relief pitcher Mike Blyzka, who is coming off a scoreless and hitless three-inning relief stint.

In his second major league at bat, the 26-year-old North Carolinian hits a 1-2 pitch from future Hall of Famer Bob Lemon over the 375-foot sign in right center field, bringing the Browns to within a run in an eventual 4-3 loss, snapping the Browns' four-game win streak.

On January 20, 1953, the Browns acquire the 26-year-old Upright, a loquacious first baseman, and \$25,000 from the Chicago White Sox in exchange for infielder Fred Marsh ... after collecting two hits and one RBI in eight at bats in nine games, Upright's major league career comes to an end on May 13, when he is sold to Los Angeles of the Pacific Coast League as the Browns reduce their roster to their 28-man limit.

Following a lengthy illness, R.T. "Dixie" Upright, a World War II veteran, passes away in Concord, North Carolina, on **November 13, 1986**, at the age of 60.

