

## MORE CORNWALL RAILWAYS REMEMBERED

FURTHER PHOTOGRAPHS OF  
CORNWALL'S HISTORIC RAILWAY  
INFRASTRUCTURE

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Following on from his successful book *Cornwall's Railways Remembered*, which catalogued the life and times of Signalling Technician Frank Sperritt, the author provides this sequel based around his own long and distinguished career working on the railway.

As a MOM (Mobile Operations Manager) for Railtrack, which became Network Rail in 2002, the author was privileged to witness many unusual and rare events during the day-to-day running of the national railway network. In 1994, when Railtrack was established as the privatised version of British Railways, the author became a Signalling Inspector (SI), whose job involved primary responsibility for keeping the railway running in times of disruption or emergency. He also managed the daily tasks, including assessing and certifying competence of Signalmen and Signawomen, rostering, checking level crossings, ordering stores, tending the signal lamps (which were then still paraffin lamps) and a myriad of other duties.

The author's position has given him unique access to the operational structure of the railway network either side of these major changes. He brings to the reader a fascinating insight into the recent history of railways in Cornwall, and by including over 260 photographs from friends and colleagues, he illustrates a bygone era, revealing some of the many incidents he and his colleagues attended over the years.

Anyone with an interest in railways, in particular Cornwall's lines, will find this a fascinating book.



### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

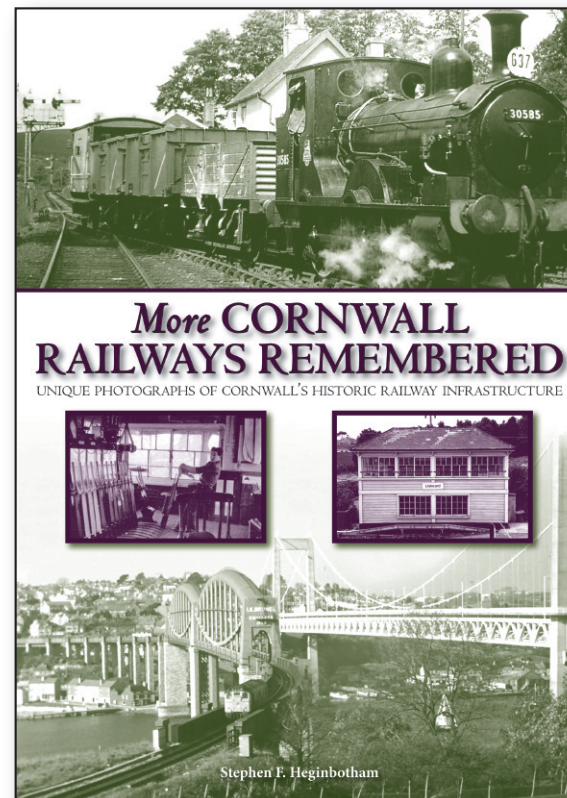
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The awe inspiring and magnificent Royal Albert Bridge linking Devon with Cornwall.



An excellent picture of 37670 about to bring its train of china clay off the branch connection at Liskeard.



5551 shunting coaching stock at Par.



Right: This interesting photo dates from circa 1973 and shows D7574 shunting a train at Truro Yard.



The Truro (East) Block Shelf in 1971.



Example of a double-page spread.



The date is October 1983 and the location is Penzance platform 3.