

HISTORIC BUTTER STAMP TELEPHONES

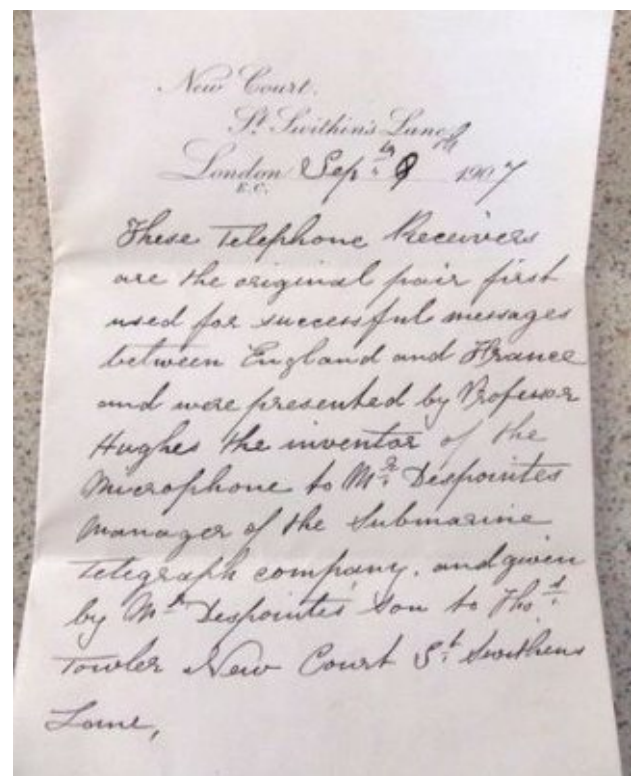
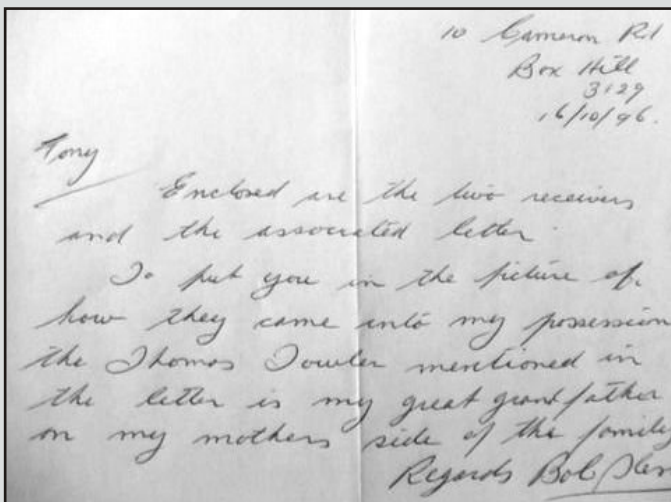
from **Tony Falzon's** Collection

Pictures - next page

I obtained the receivers from Bob Slesser. Bob was the OIC of City Subs Installation Melbourne where I worked at the time. They were first shown to me in 1980 when he found out that I collected phones. He bought them to work and let me have them for a couple of weeks. I asked him if he was interested in selling them. He said that they belonged to his mother and that she didn't want to sell them at the time, but he promised me that he would let me know if they came up for sale.

I was transferred to Miami TIC Gold Coast, Queensland in 1989 but I kept in contact with Bob, giving him a call every now and then, hoping one day soon I would be lucky enough to own them. I called him again in 1996 when to my surprise he said that they are available to me if I wanted them.

The phones were handed down the family and finally ended up in my collection.



New Court

St Swithin's Lane

London E.C. Sep 9th 1907

These telephone receivers are the original pair first used for successful messages between England and France and were presented by Professor Hughes, the inventor of the microphone to Mr. Despointes, Manager of the Submarine Telegraph company and given by Mr. Despointers' Son to Tho. Fowler New Court St Swithin's Lane.

The letter above, written in 1907, along with the letter at left from Bob Slesser in 1996 shows the progress of these historic receivers into Tony Falzon's collection.

Thomas Fowler mentioned in the letter above, was Bob Slesser's great grandfather (on his mother's side).

HISTORIC BUTTER STAMP TELEPHONES

