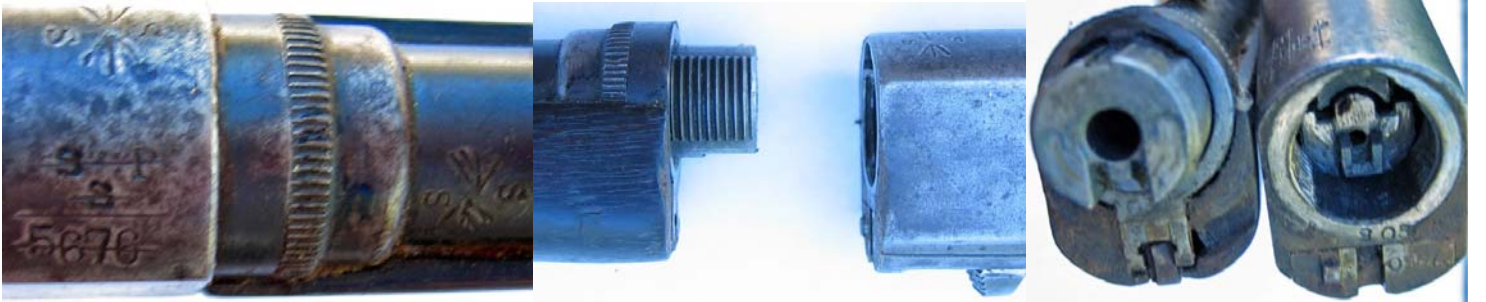


**Specifications;** Maker: Fabrique Nationale (FN), Belgium. Model: 1914 Browning patent .22"LR semi-auto takedown rifle. Action: Recoil operated, loaded and cocked by pulling rearward on the underside bolt, spent cases ejected downward. Integral tubular magazine in butt partially withdrawn to load 8 cartridges through a hole at top of wrist (refer image below left). S/N 30556. Barrel 19.25". O/A length 37". Weight: 5.2lbs. Sights: adjustable screw elevation rear vee sight, round foresight. Stock: walnut. Production: Over half a million



**New Zealand Service:** The rifle illustrated here is just one example of the many makes of .22 calibre rifle noted in New Zealand marked with SP. In 1942 consequent upon the authority of the War Cabinet the army were ordered to "purchase or impress of guns or other arms at gunsmiths or dealers' premises" and "purchase of shot or other guns held by private persons" a special series of numbers were allocated which in addition to the broad arrow were stamped on the purchased arms. Numbers were allocated by the districts as follows:

- Northern Military District to be marked S P / N / number 1 upwards
- Central Military District to be marked S P / C / number 1 upwards
- Southern Military District to be marked S P / S / number 1 upwards.

A register was compiled at Army District HQ of purchased arms recording the following information: SP No, Accounting Officer, Description-make & serial No, From whom purchased, Price paid, Remarks.



Note the marks S P / S / 5676 and the single broad arrow on barrel below the rear sight in accordance with the instructions above. When sold after WWII these rifles were marked with two opposing broad arrows some with S stamped above and below to indicate sold out of service / government ownership (refer marks above). The exact meaning of the marks S P is presently unknown.

Below is a Register of SP marked arms observed to date July 2013 compiled by Phil Cregeen FSG

NZ Marked						
Arm	NZ Marked	Maker	Dated	Serial No	Other marks	Barrel
SP Browning- 8 shot semi auto		Browning		100969	SP S 7395 ><	
SP Browning M 1914 Semi auto		FN		30556	^SP S 5676 S><S	19.25
SP BSA M 1		BSA		8272	SP S	
SP BSA Martin Target		BSA		47223	SP 2903 ><	29"
SP BSA single shot B/A		BSA			^ SP S 199241-07	23.9"
SP BSA single shot B/A		BSA			SP SS^	19.5"
SP BSA Single shot B/A		BSA		6329	SP S 4313 S><S	
SP BSA Target Rifle		BSA			SFS 4471 ^	
SP BSW Suhl M 317 Single B/A		BSW Suhl		177039	SP S 9222	26.25"
SP FN Single B/A		FN		45346	SP C 87	20.75
SP Greener DB 10g shotgun		Greener			SP S 10143	
SP Iver Johnson Single B/A	N^Z	Ivor Johnson			SP S 420	24"
SP Marlin M 92 lever		Marlin		339017	SP S 1657 ^ ^ S><S	
SP Mossberg M 35 B Single B/A target		Mossberg		None Vis	^/SP/N/377	
SP Remington Mod 34 B/A		Remington		151837	SP N 337	
SP Remington M 12 Slide		Remington		407913	SP S 2865 s><s	
SP Remington M 34 B/A		Remington		43078	SP S 8267	24"
SP Remington M 351 B/A		Remington		125641	SP S 3454	24"
SP Savage M 1914 slide		Savage		26615	SP N 255 ><	
SP Savage M 3C Single B/A	N^Z	Savage			SP S 443	
SP Springfield M 82		Springfield		71040B	SPS 5204	
SP Springfield M 83 B/A	N^Z 44 .22	Springfield			SP S 245 S><S	
SP Springfield M 84 C B/A		Springfield			SP 6514	
SP Springfield Mod 82 B/A		Springfield			SP S 2800	24"

**NZ Marked**

<b>Arm</b>	<b>NZ Marked</b>	<b>Maker</b>	<b>Dated</b>	<b>Serial No</b>	<b>Other marks</b>	<b>Barrel</b>
SP Stevens Fav lever		J Stevens		147	SP S 2369	24"
SP Stevens Ideal M 44 F/B		J Stevens		205	SP N 380	
SP Stevens M 1915 L/A		J Stevens		S49	SP S 4082	24"
SP Stevens Marksman		Stevens			SP S 9280	
SP Stevens Vis Loading Repeater		Stevens		C172	SP S 3297	
SP Vickers Martini		Vickers		V1135-2	SP S 3245	
SP Vickers Martini	NZ^	Vickers		9798	SP S	
SP Winchester M 02 B/A		Winchester			SP S 9277	
SP Winchester M 03 Auto		Winchester			SP C 162, S^S	
SP Winchester M 06 Slide		Wichester		618744B	SP S 39596	20"
SP Winchester M 06 slide		Winchester	1923	601453B	SP S 2382 Bt ><	20"
SP Winchester M 06 Slide		Winchester		62023	SP S ><	20"
SP Winchester M 62 Slide		Winchester		43966	SP S 4779	23"
SP Winchester M 62 slide		Winchester		849796	SP S 2467	
SP Winchester M 62 Slide		Winchester		850426	SP S 7474	23"
SP Winchester M 63 semi Auto		Winchester			SP S 776 ><	20"
SP Winchester M 85 lever		Winchester		115154	SP N 677	24"
SP Winchester M 92 .44 WCF		Winchester		109403	SP N 583	
SP Winchester M 92 .44 WCF Lever A		Winchester		605070	SP N 435	24.25"
SP Winchester slide action .22		Winchester			SP S 3938 S><S	
SP Winchester thumb trigger		Winchester			SP S 3336	

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