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R O L L A

T H E S T O R Y O F R O L L A

Rolla, County Seat of Phelps County, Missouri

By Dr. and Mrs. Clair V. Mann
Of Rolla, Missouri

P R O L O G U E

THE YEAR was Eighteen Hundred and Forty Four. The TIME was probably in late spring. The PLACE was in the good old State of Missouri, in today's County of Phelps. The SITE was a meadowed valley enclosed by gently sloping hillsides - a few hundred feet northeast of the former State Trachoma Hospital. The SPOT was in or near Block 6, corner of 7th and Spring Avenue, in Bishop's Fourth Addition to Rolla. This SPOT, as of the date of this writing (May 10, 1953), was marked by a bushel-basket sized TUB (half of a 50 gallon barrel) sunk in the spring to collect drinking water. It was personally seen there by present writers. The TUB was located within bounds of SPRING AVENUE, which takes its name from this - the "Cold Spring" - which also gives its name to the nearby stream into which its waters discharge.

WITH A DISMAYING CRASH, the rickety, travel-worn covered wagon, drawn by two sturdy but weary oxen, lurched - then came to a sudden stop. The oxen gave one last good tug, found it useless, then settled back to enjoy a much needed rest. To this spot they had come, all the way, from Gallatin county, Illinois, in a period of three months or more.

This rest they would now get - for the right, front wagon axle had broken square off. The weary twenty-year old wife and her three scantily clothed children barely escaped being ruthlessly dumped out on the ground.

With a bound, the deeply tanned, stockily built young husband - who had walked beside the team for many, many miles - sprang back, and knelt to assess the damage this accident had done. Done to his plans, his family, and their future.

After some moments of inspection, he arose, hands resting on hips, gaze still on the broken axle. The wheel had dropped into a small ditch through which a steady stream of cold water from a nearby spring was flowing.

Young JOHN WEBBER (for it was he) - could never at that moment, in wildest dreams, have foreseen that on one day, in the not distant future, the city limits of a town called "ROLLA" would envelope the scene of this accident. But his favorite swear word of "Bug-Godlins" came quickly from his lips. After that, he addressed wife, Liza Jane in this fashion:

" LIZA JANE - I reckon this old wagon has carried us about as fer as it aims ter go. Mebbe we've cum fur nough west, anyhow. Guess we'd jest ez well camp here fer a spell, an' mebbe look into takin' up sum uv this wild land fer a farm. Ol' col. Ben Wishon, where we stayed last night, seven miles back, has lived thar now fer six years. He says the lands hereabouts is fresh surveyed by Guv'ment surveyors, an' we can squat here en hold a bit uv land fer a year er two, without havin' to prove up an' plunk down the cash fer it.

Look over thar at thet spring, yonder. Fine lookin'. Water's clean an' gold. An' jest see how the grass grows down this meadow. The cow an' ol' Buck an' Roan will do fine on at - an' I can git a plow back thar at the Maramec Iron Works, where we stopped tother day, an' can then plow up sum uv this sod an' plant some corn an' garden. I cn' git them corn an' garden seeds at them Iron Works, too.

" Let's git out an' make camp. You tie out ol' Peggy an' milk her, while I rustle some wood, start a fire, an' turn Buck an' Roan loose to nibble on this grass. Tomorrow I cn' walk back to thet Wright Light cabin we passed a mile back, or even go on to Wishon's store and blacksmith shop. Kebbe one or tother cn' let me have whut it takes to fix up this dinged axle."

But just then, wifey Liza Jane excitedly exclaimed, " LOOK, John - OH LOOK ! Just see that big deer buck cumin up to the spring fer a drink. Git him, John ! Git him !"

Taking a quick look, John grabbed his trusty long-barreled rifle, and exclames, " Bug-Godlins ! Yeah ! An', bug-godlins, looks like Almighty God has sent us our supper ! He DID - effen I cn' do my part ! " ... The rifle cracked, the deer fell - and the John Webbers - John and Eliza Jane - the three children, John Osborn, Elizabeth Jane, and William Elijah - were soon enjoying their first deer-steak supper, with cupfuls of cold spring water. After wich, they spent their first night on the spot which - fourteen years later - would be called "R O L L A".

FOOTNOTE: This happens to be as good a story as we can improvise - to explain and justify the selection of this spot for the Webber Family's future home. W H Y did they stop here ? There was NO FRESH WATER STREAM within three miles. There was no other seemingly important attraction in the area. The only reasonable explanation is that SOME KIND of accident made the choice imperative. One of the oxen may have become ill - or something else happened.

But whatever the cause of the choice, the Webbers were here !

Thus it was that the family became the original permanent settlers of Rolla. John, oom in Philadelphia, now aged 25 years, and lately from Gallatin, Illinois. Wife, Eliza Jane (Powell), aged twenty. Son John Osborn Webber, aged three. Daughter Elizabeth Jane. And son William Elijah, not many months old. All that now remains of them, besides memories, lie at the foot of a handsome granite monument in the Rolla Cemetery, erected by Rolla's Masonic Lodge. William lies in the Smith Cemetery, near Flat, in southwest area of Phelps County.

From the date of the foregoing episode, presumably in early summer of 1844, it would be some eighteen months before the Webber log cabin would be visited by two young and ambitious United States Army lieutenants - members of the Army's "Topographical Engineer Corps". These two - Lieuts. James W. Abert and W.G. Peck - were, on order of Capt. John C. Fremont (on his way to California to take California away from Old Mexico) making a horseback inspection of a 35th parallel railroad route that, inside a few years, would go right through John Webber's farm, so as to connect St. Louis and the far East with San Francisco and San Diego on the Pacific coast.

How they proposed to build such a railroad - through lands that still belonged to Old Mexico - does not yet appear. Young Abert would be back to this spot in 1871 (twenty-six years later) to teach in a "Missouri School of Mines".

To resume - it would still be thirteen years before there would be any official "Phelps County" (created 1857), with a commission of three men meeting at the Webber home to choose the site for a "county seat" - which would be located at the nearby "Bishop Mansion", erected in 1855 on the block bounded by 7th and 8th, Park and State/streets.

It would be fourteen years before John Webber and two fellow pioneers would wrangle over the name the town should have - and compromise by discarding Bishop's "Phelps Center" - Webber's "Hardscrabble" - and adopting Coppedge's name "Raleigh", provided that it be spelled as he spoke it - "R-o-l-l-a", (May 11, 1858).

Sixteen and one half years would elapse before the State Legislature would officially charter the Town of Rolla, include Webber's farm (along with the rest of Section 11, T.37-8) within its limits, and name John Webber as one of the first seven Rolla Town Councilmen.

JOHN and ELIZA JANE (Powell) WEBBER lived happily in their old log cabin, built near the Cold Spring, until her demise, on September 9, 1859. (She was born January 22, 1824). They had become the parents of TEN children. The son, John Osborn Webber, died in 1860, at age 19. The daughter, Elizabeth Jane, married William Yowell. The son, William Elijah, lived on.

On March 1, 1860, John Webber married Miss Sarah Crites - his second wife. She died in 1862, having borne one child, Sarah Eunice, who died in earliest childhood.

On February 22, 1863, John married Mrs. Lucinda F. Yowell (nee Sally). They became parents of EIGHT children. Lucinda died on Nov. 3, 1909, at age 74 years. She is interred in S ITH CEMETERY, in N.E.¼ of S.E.¼ of Sec. 22, T.35-9 - not far southeast of the village of FLAT.

JOHN WEBBER (born January 24, 1819) died on May 31, 1889, at his Corn Creek home, in the NE¼ of Sec. 27, T.35-9, Phelps County, Mo.

AND THUS DID ROLLA'S FIRST PERMANENT FINGERPRINTS COME TO THE AID.

End Of Prologue

CV# Oct. 31, 1973.

The WEBBER FAMILY RECORDS

From Frank Webber's Scrap Book

JOHN WEBBER, co-founder of Rolla, was born in Philadelphia, Pa., on January 24, 1819. He died on May 31, 1889, at his Corn Creek farmhouse, in the N.E. 1/4 of Sec. 27, T.35-9, Phelps Co., Mo. ...at age 70 yrs 4 mos. 7 days.

John's parents were John M. and Elizabeth (McQueen) Weber. John M. was born in Holland, near the river Rhein. At age 12 he (John M.), with his mother and a brother, came to the U.S.A. They settled in Philadelphia, where John M. grew up, married Elizabeth McQueen, and had this son, JOHN WEBBER, of Rolla.

Until about 1823, this father, John M. Weber, worked in Philadelphia as a baker. The couple, with such children as they then had, moved to Rutherford county, Tennessee, where John M. " made a stab" at farming - concerning which he knew little and wanted to know less. But his wife, Elizabeth McQueen, born in Prince George county, Virginia, knew how to farm, as HE did not - so, together they managed to make a living on the farm.

John M. Weber and wife Elizabeth McQueen lived in Tennessee until 1830, when they moved to Saline county, Illinois. John Webber (to be of Rolla) was then 11 years of age. The father, John M. Weber, died in 1867. The mother, Elizabeth McQueen, followed in 1869.

JOHN WEBBER (of Rolla) was the second child in a family of 8 sons and 3 daughters. Five of these 11 survived John, who died in 1889. These: Joseph Weber, living at Mountain Home, Arkansas ...Henry, of Saline county, Illinois ... Nelson ..Elijah .. and Mary (Mrs. Hampton), all three of Cransville, Ill.

JOHN WEBBER (of Rolla) stayed with his parents until age nineteen (1838) when he "struck out" for himself. On Sept. 17, 1840, at age 21, he married Miss Eliza Jane Powell. She was born on January 22, 1824, in Gallatin county, Ill. She died at or near Rolla on Sept. 9, 1859, at age 59 yrs-7 mos.-17 days.

JOHN and ELIZA JANE (Powell) WEBBER had TEN children. These:

- 1.- John Osborn Webber (b.1841 .. d. 1860) Wm.
- 2.- Elizabeth Jane Webber (b. d. m./Yowell)
- 3.- William Elijah Webber (b. d. Father of Jas. Henry Webber, of Rolla.
- 4.- Archibald Nelson Webber
- 5.- Americus Columbus Webber
- 6.- Annie J. Webber (b. June 16, 1848 - their SIXTH child) m. cousin "Jack".
- 7.- James Henry Webber
- 8.- Mary Emily Webber
- 9.- Margaret Ellen Webber (m. James Ray)
- 10.- Joseph Marion Webber.

NOTE: Children 1-2-3-6 are known to be in order of birth. Others uncertain.

As noted above, John's first wife, Eliza Jane Powell, died on Sept. 9, 1859. For his second wife, John, on March 1, 1860, married Miss Sarah Crites. She was born in Tennessee on _____, 18____, and died at Rolla on _____, 1862, having borne ONE child, Sarah Eunice, who died in earliest youth.

On February 22, 1863, John (of Rolla) married Mrs. Lucinda F. Yowell (nee Sally), who was born on _____, 1835. She died on Nov. 3, 1909, at age 74, and is interred in SMITH CEMETERY, near Flat, Phelps Co., Mo., in which place she had lived with her son, "Frank" Webber.

The "record" in the Frank Weber Scrap Book says that the marriage of John and Lucinda, in 1863, in Civil War days - was a "grand affair." From 1863 to about 1880, when John sold his original Rolla real estate to two sons William Elijah and James Henry - and in exchange, took over the William Elijah Webber farm located in the N.E. 1/4 of Sec. 27, T.35-9, on the headwaters of Corn Creek, and on the county road joining Flat and Edgar Springs, John and Lucinda lived in Rolla.

JOHN AND LUCINDA (Sally) WEBBER had EIGHT children. These:

A.J. (Andrew Jackson) Webber. (b. Jan. 4, 1863 .. d) m. Cynthia Askin.
George Edward Webber. (lived & died, Portland, Oreg. July 27, 1947)
Mattie A. Webber (m. James Dunham . d. Jan 4, 1929, 1 mi. S of Rolla. 8-20-1 Childn.
Albert Franklin Webber (lived at village of Flat, in south Phelps Co.
Present record is from his "Scrap Book".

Nellie Inez Webber

Laura H. Webber (Married Louis Auerbach, Jr.)

Minnie Lee Webber (d. 1873)

Charles A. Webber.

NOTE: foregoing names may NOT be in correct order of birth. It would appear, however, that "A.J." was the first of the eight.- CVM.

FOOTNOTE: Several of these "Webbers" are interred in the SMITH CEMETERY, in the NE 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Sec. 22, T.35-9.

STORY OF ANNIE J. WEBBER: Sixth child of John and Eliza Jane (Powell) Webber. Born June 16, 1848, Rolla, Mo. .. Died Dec. 31, 1918, at Gallatin, Ill.

During Civil War, Annie went back to Saline county, Ill, to study in the Raleigh schools. While there, "met" or visited with her cousin, A.S. "Jack" Weber. He fell madly in love with her. He followed her to Rolla. They were married March 20, 1876, at Eldorado, Ill., by Rev. Hutchison.

Jack and Annie became parents of three children:

John Henry, b. Dec. 28, 1877

William J., b. Feb., 1880

May Olive, b. Sept. 18, 1885.

John M. Webber - father of Rolla's John Webber - was grandfather both to Jack and Annie Webber. The family home in Saline county was called "Webber Homestead".

In 1882, Annie joined the Methodist church. She often entertained the M.E. ministers. She gave her church its communion set, and financed the building of its basement. For many years she was a Sunday School teacher, also president of the Ladies Aid. She was greatly loved.

Her husband, "Jack", died on _____, _____, at age 65 yr 1 mo 24 days. He was member of Masonic Lodge. Daughter May Olive married a Mr. _____ Burns, lived at Thompsonville, Ill.

Annie's husband "Jack" owned the Bank of Gallatin, and the "Mill" and much other property. He was called the county's "Most Successful Business Man." He left an estate valued at some \$1,000,000, plus other commercial and land interests. He was chief owner of coal mines, and a railroad joining Gallatin and Harrisburg. His lands comprised several thousand acres of farmland. His father, Henry J. Webber, was also a banker. Both men were of excellent habits, sturdy health, and sunny dispositions.

End of Webber Records

The "Scrap Book" returned to
Mrs Leo Triggs by CVM, Sept. 7, 1961.

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~FOREWORD~

ROLLA-AS OF JANUARY 1st

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F O R E W O R D. R O L L A . M I S S O U R IAs The City "is", December 31, 1973.

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 A Welcome From
The Rolla Area Chamber of Commerce
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"WELCOME TO ROLLA, MISSOURI!"- The following "FOREWORD", slightly revised by present writers - Clair V. and Bonita H. Mann - both of whom are honorary members of the agency - is copied from a bulletin issued by the Rolla Chamber of Commerce in 1973. It provides something of a picture of Rolla, as of December 31, 1973. The quote as follows - as our "Foreword" to our "Story of Rolla".

Quote: Rolla, Missouri, is the County Seat of Phelps County. The city is 100 miles southwest of St. Louis, and 110 miles northeast of Springfield - both places connected by the Frisco Railroad and Interstate Highway 44, both passing through Rolla. It is also at the junction of US-Mo. Route 63 and State Route 72.

The town lies within northern extremities of the Ozark mountains, at an average sea-level elevation of 1,140 feet. It is some 70 miles southeast of the beautiful Lake of the Ozarks, and to the north of three famous south Missouri and northern Arkansas lakes - Bull Shoals Lake, Norfolk Lake, and Table Rock Lake. All of these recreational areas are readily available over excellent paved highways.

The Climate. The average annual temperature is 55 degrees Fahrenheit. The average rainfall is 41.5 inches. The crop growing season is approximately 187 days.

Population: Rolla's population (1970 census) was 13,257. The corresponding figure for Phelps County was 29,567. ... Rolla's trade area includes over 150,000 persons.

Schools: Rolla is the home of the University of Missouri-Rolla (formerly the Missouri School of Mines). This is the largest engineering school west of the Mississippi river. It has an enrollment of over 5,000 students. Degrees are offered in 18 different areas of engineering, science, and the humanities. Graduate programs lead to Master and Ph.D. degrees.

The Public Schools consist of one senior high - one junior high - and five elementary schools. All are rated AAA. In addition, there are three parochial schools, conducted by the Catholic and Lutheran denominations.

The new Rolla Area Vocational-Technical School provides comprehensive technical-vocational training to students and to adults who work full time. It seeks to provide each graduate with one or more "skills" that guarantee good and useful employment and service.

Churches: There are some 34 churches in the Rolla community. The majority of denominations are represented. Visitors and new members are cordially welcomed.

Health Facilities: The principal facility is Phelps County Memorial Hospital. This has a 155 bed capacity, and an Extended Care addition. Further expansion is under construction.

Two nursing homes are in operation. The State of Missouri Regional Diagnostic Clinic cares for retarded children. Numbers of medical and dental clinics care for out-patient services.

Recreation: Rolla is in one of the most scenic areas of the Ozarks. Unlimited outdoor recreational facilities are available at Montauk State Park - Lakes Taneycomo, Table Rock, Bull Shoals, Lake Norfolk - and at Lake of the Ozarks. At all of these places, water sports, boating, and fishing facilities abound. Maramec Spring Park, within Phelps county, and only 20 minutes away by auto, provides both picnic facilities, and (in season) excellent trout fishing.

Recreation, cont.

Rolla is blessed with numbers of excellent parks. Several are provided with substantial pavilions, picnic areas, childrens' playgrounds, lighted baseball parks, and tennis courts. The 80-acre Lions Park, on the south fringe of city limits, is open to the public. It has lighted pavilions for use when annual carnivals are staged - and for picnicking and square dancing and family reunions, on occasion. A commodious hall, with ample dining facilities, is available both for club meetings, and meetings of various professional societies of Rolla. A modest-sized lake is stocked with fish.

Athletic Programs: Both the University, and the public schools, have full athletic programs. During summers, planned recreational programs are in effect. There are two bowling alleys -- one roller skating rink -- two movie theatres plus one drive-in - a swimming pool and recreation center nearing completion in BerJuan Park. Two golf courses are available - one at the Oak Meadows Club- a private facility several miles southeast of town - and the University 9-hole course, inside city limits, which may be used by the public on a fee basis. Membership on paid basis, with dining, golf, and swimming facilities, is available at the Oak Meadows Club.

Cultural Activities are many and varied. Included are University and local amateur theatre programs --- Community Music Association concerts -- and Visual Arts displays. In addition, there are numerous clubs, both for men and for women, such as the Saturday and Civics clubs, American War Mothers, Am. Assn. University Women, and the several veterans' groups.

Service Clubs: Leaders in this group are the Rolla Area Chamber of Commerce - and its "junior" partner, the "Junior Chamber" or "Jaycees". Added to these two are the Rotary, the Lions - the Kiwanis - and the Optimist service clubs. The town's lodges include the several Masonic orders - the Knights of Pythias and Pythian Sisters - the Odd Fellows - and the Eagle Lodge.

Library: Rolla's free Public Library offers much in community service. Its book stacks contain over 28,000 volumes. Its activities include reference service, story hours for children - the reading and loaning of books, magazines, newspapers, pictures, records, and film. Microfilm of Rolla's former and current newspapers can be consulted by use of a "visualizer". The agency is affiliated with the State and National Library Association, from which almost any book may be borrowed.

Postal Service. - Rolla is a First-Class Regional Mail Center, for which mail directed to a large group of central Missouri towns is collected - and then distributed from Rolla to these stations. Within town, a fleet of "jeep" delivery autos enables local mailmen to deliver residence mail much more effectively.

News Media: Rolla has three radio broadcasting stations -- KTTR ...KCLU ... and the one at University of Mo.-Rolla .."KMSM" or "KUMR". The town has no TV broadcasting station, but good reception is had from other stations, as at St. Louis, Jefferson City, Columbia, and Springfield, Missouri. The town DOES have a wired-in "cable" TV facility, which provides good reception.

Rolla has but one newspaper - the Rolla Daily News. This agency has a most up-to-date offset printing facility, with commodious new building, and efficient staff. It prints daily issues, Monday through Friday, and a special Sunday edition.

Transportation: Passenger service by bus is provided by the Greyhound line ... the Continental Trailways .. and the M.K.O. line. Greyhound also provides limited express package service. These lines connect Rolla with the outside world.

Local trucking companies provide both local and inter-state and inter-national freight service. Included are the Campbell 66 .. the Leeway .. the Frisco .. the Besufort .. the Dodds .. the North American .. and the Duncan companies. The Frisco Railroad provides for heavy freight services.

Two local cab agencies provide local passenger transport within town.

Rolla's National Airport, twelve miles north of town, provides limited passenger and charter service, and some freight service. It has lighted runways and all-weather facilities. The station also provides maintenance service.

In addition, the Dickman Airport, just outside and southwest of town, provides local flights, together with airplane flight training.

Scheduled Commercial Air Service is available from the Fort Leonard Wood Airport, thirty miles southwest of Rolla. Good passenger service from the Fort to St. Louis and other points is provided by the Ozark .. the Frontier .. and the Skyway airlines.

City Water, Utilities, and Sewerage: The city's water supply is derived from eleven deep wells, depths of which range from 1,187 to 1,716 feet. Electric power is supplied by the Rolla Municipal Utilities company - which also owns the wells. A modern system of sanitary sewers, with three separate disposal plants, cares for this area. A system of storm sewers is separately maintained.

Financial Institutions: Rolla's three private banks have total assets of over \$36,000,000. Three savings and loan associations have combined total assets of over \$86,000,000.

Assessed Value City Property (privately owned) amounts to some \$18,000,000. This represents some 30% of the actual value of such property.

Industry: The Rolla area is a Diversified Economic Community - comprised of agriculture, manufacturing industries, state and county and federal agencies.

The industrial plants include the Bow-Wow Dog Food Company ... the Holsum Bakery ... the Schwitzer Division of the Wallace-Murry Corporation ... Barad & Co. makers of womens' lingerie ... the SOME industries, making plastic pipe .. and two ready-mix concrete plants.

The Rolla Community Development Corporation is a not-for-profit agency sponsored by the Rolla Chamber of Commerce and the Rolla City Government. This agency has been responsible for the development of two industrial parks - the "HyPoint" park 3 miles east of Rolla .. and the Rolla Industrial Park, midway between HyPoint and town. Both these sites are available for additional industries.

Labor Market:- The Rolla area appears to have sufficient laborers to man the several industrial plants enumerated above. Other personnel will undoubtedly come to Rolla, if and when the demand increases. Several agencies in Rolla care both for "help wanted" and "jobs needed". The State has its Employment Security office. ... The U.S. Geological Survey has a personnel office... The University of Missouri-Rolla also has a personnel office. ... The Phelps County Memorial Hospital, plus the several medical and dental clinics, care for employment of nurses. The 17th District Registered Nurses Association, plus the Rolla Licensed Professional Nurse association, also aid in this area.

State and National Agencies in Rolla.- These agencies have not been fully listed in the foregoing paragraphs - and certainly need to be mentioned. Thus:

State Agencies: In addition to Employment Security and Diagnostic Clinic, already mentioned, there are these other agencies: State Geological Survey --- State Land Survey Authority ... State National Guard ... Highway Maintenance crew and office ... State Highway Patrol, Troop I. There are several other state agencies which will be described in pages that follow.

U.S. Agencies: These include the U.S. Geological Survey - the Water Resources Division ... the Army Reserve unit .. the Clark and Mark Twain Forest Reserve office and staff ... the Rolla Post Office ... and several other agencies to be mentioned later. Of high import for Rolla is the national Fort Leonard Wood, thirty miles southwest of town. Many families involved in fort work - officers as well - live in Rolla.

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IN CONCLUSION OF THIS FOREWORD.- Undoubtedly, we have failed to include EVERY agency or ALL agencies that should be at least mentioned in such a listing of Rolla's general assets. Many of them will be described or mentioned in the pages that follow.

HOWEVER, what has been so written thus far SHOULD PROVIDE A GENERALLY FULL AND TRUE PICTURE OF ROLLA, AS IT EXISTS TODAY ... MARCH 4, 1974.

LET US NOW PROCEED WITH THE UNIQUE HISTORY WHICH ROLLA ALSO HAS - WHICH HAS MATURED SINCE THE TOWNSITE WAS FIRST SETTLED ON IN 1844 - AND THE TOWN CHARTERED IN 1961.

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