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Frederick A. Stull House; Site of Stevens Airfield Ca. 1865; ca. 1942
Lewistown vicinity
Private

The Frederick A. Stull House is a two-story brick dwelling with a third story in a mansard roof built about 1865 with a one-story porch which is enclosed on the south elevation as a solarium and a two-story concrete block extension on the west elevation. The present cow barn and breeding facility west of the house was originally built in 1942 as an airplane hangar and control tower. The distinctive arched roof and the square, three-story concrete block tower at the southwest corner have been only slightly altered by the enclosure of the original openings on the south and north elevations. An attached repair and machine shop is located on the east elevation of the hangar. The house was built by Frederick A. Stull in about 1865 and is of low significance and integrity as a vernacular farm dwelling of the period; however, the mansard roof is a feature of the Second Empire style which is uncommon among rural houses in Frederick County, although it is the only high-style detail of the house. The hangar and tower are of moderate significance as the only airfield buildings in Frederick County during the years 1942-1945 other than the original Frederick municipal airfield which became Fort Detrick in 1942.

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Frederick A. Stull House

Lewistown

Frederick County

HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont

(Harford, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery
Counties, and Baltimore City)

Chronological/Development Period:

Agricultural-Industrial Transition, A.D. 1815-1870

Modern Period, A.D. 1930-Present

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes

Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning
Transportation

Resource Types:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function and Use:

Domestic/single dwelling/residence

Transportation/air-related/airport

Known Design Source: None

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Frederick A. Stull House (Preferred); Stevens Airport

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 13102 Hansonville Road not for publication

city, town Lewistown vicinity of congressional district 6th

state Maryland county Frederick

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name West Virginia Artificial Breeding Cooperative, Inc.

street & number P.O. Box 555 telephone no.:

city, town Frederick state and zip code MD 21701

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 637

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 424

city, town Frederick state MD 21701

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. F-3-86

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE COUNT: 2

The Frederick A. Stull House is a circa 1865 brick dwelling with a mansard roof and one contributing outbuilding, a circa 1942 concrete block airplane hangar and control tower which has been converted to a cow barn, located on the west side of Hansonville Road which parallels U.S. 15 about 2 miles southwest of Lewistown, Frederick County, Maryland. The dwelling faces east toward Hansonville Road and U.S. 15 and the former airport building is located about 30 yards west of the house in an open field. A non-contributing concrete block barn built on the stone foundation of the original bank barn is located south of the house. The house was dated according to architectural details and the Williams & McKinsey History of Frederick County (1910).

The dwelling has two stories in 5:1 American bond brick and a third story in the mansard roof. The building is painted white and the metal-covered roof is painted black. The east elevation has a one-story porch which extends around to the south elevation, where it is enclosed by solarium windows. The west elevation has a two-story concrete block addition. The east elevation has three bays with a center entrance. The window openings have plain wood lintels and 1/1 replacement sash. Two dormers with gable roofs project from the third story in the mansard. The main doorway has a mid-20th century Georgian Revival surround featuring fluted pilaster and a Doric frieze. The door is a paneled modern replacement. On the north elevation of the house are two bays and two dormers in the third story as on the east elevation. A single chimney rises above the roof on this elevation. At the rear of the house is the two-story addition. The interior was inaccessible for this survey.

Hangar and control tower (cow barn): The concrete block hangar and adjoining control tower were built about 1942 as a private airfield by Howard Stevens, who purchased the farm in that year. The hangar section has the distinctive arched roof with the original openings, now partially filled in with concrete block, on the north and south elevations. The control tower is located at the southwest corner of the building and is a three-story square block with a hipped composition roof. Two over two windows are located in each level. Adjoining the hangar on the east elevation is a gable roofed repair and machine shop space with an open side on the east. At right angles to the opening and partially located within the shed is a one-story concrete block office building, a non-contributing structure added probably in the 1960's when the hangar was converted to a barn. The gable on the east elevation has composition siding and three windows.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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Specific dates C. 1865, C. 1942 **Builder/Architect**

check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
and/or
Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G

Level of Significance: national state local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Frederick A. Stull House is a fair example of a brick vernacular dwelling of the 1860's. The mansard roof is a distinguishing feature of the Second Empire style which was popular during the 1860's and 1870's, but this is the only high-style feature of this basically vernacular house, which has been considerably altered in the mid-20th century. The house was built about 1865 by Frederick A. Stull (1835-1905), who purchased 60 acres of the farm owned by Dr. T.E.R. Miller adjoining the Stull property on the south in the late 19th century. The original bank barn was erected at that time as well; the date of demolition of the upper structure is unknown at this time. The present cow barn was built about 1942 as an airplane hangar and control tower by Howard Stevens, who operated a flying school, pleasure rides, and a private airport. According to Mrs. Edna Buhrman, a local Lewistown-Utica area historian, Mr. Stevens moved to Frederick County from the Washington D. C. vicinity to establish his airfield because of air traffic restrictions imposed by military security in the area of the nation's capital. Mrs. Alice Fisher, a Mountaindale resident in the 1940's, remembers taking a pleasure ride in a biplane at the Stevens airport. Little other information has been yet discovered about the airport; oral history and newspaper research may provide other information. In 1960, Stevens sold the property to the West Virginia Artificial Breeders Cooperative, which has maintained a breeding facility in the former hangar since that time.

The Stull House is of low significance in context with other farmhouses of the mid-19th century in Frederick County due to its many alterations and lack of accompanying outbuildings of the same period. The mansard roof is rare enough among rural locations to provide it a moderate historic architectural significance. The airplane hangar and control tower are of moderate significance as this was the only airfield in Frederick County other than the Frederick City's airfield, established in the 1920's or 1930's on what became Fort Detrick in early 1942 after the U.S. entry into World War II. The present municipal airport of Frederick City was built in the late 1940's.

Frederick A. Stull House
Frederick County

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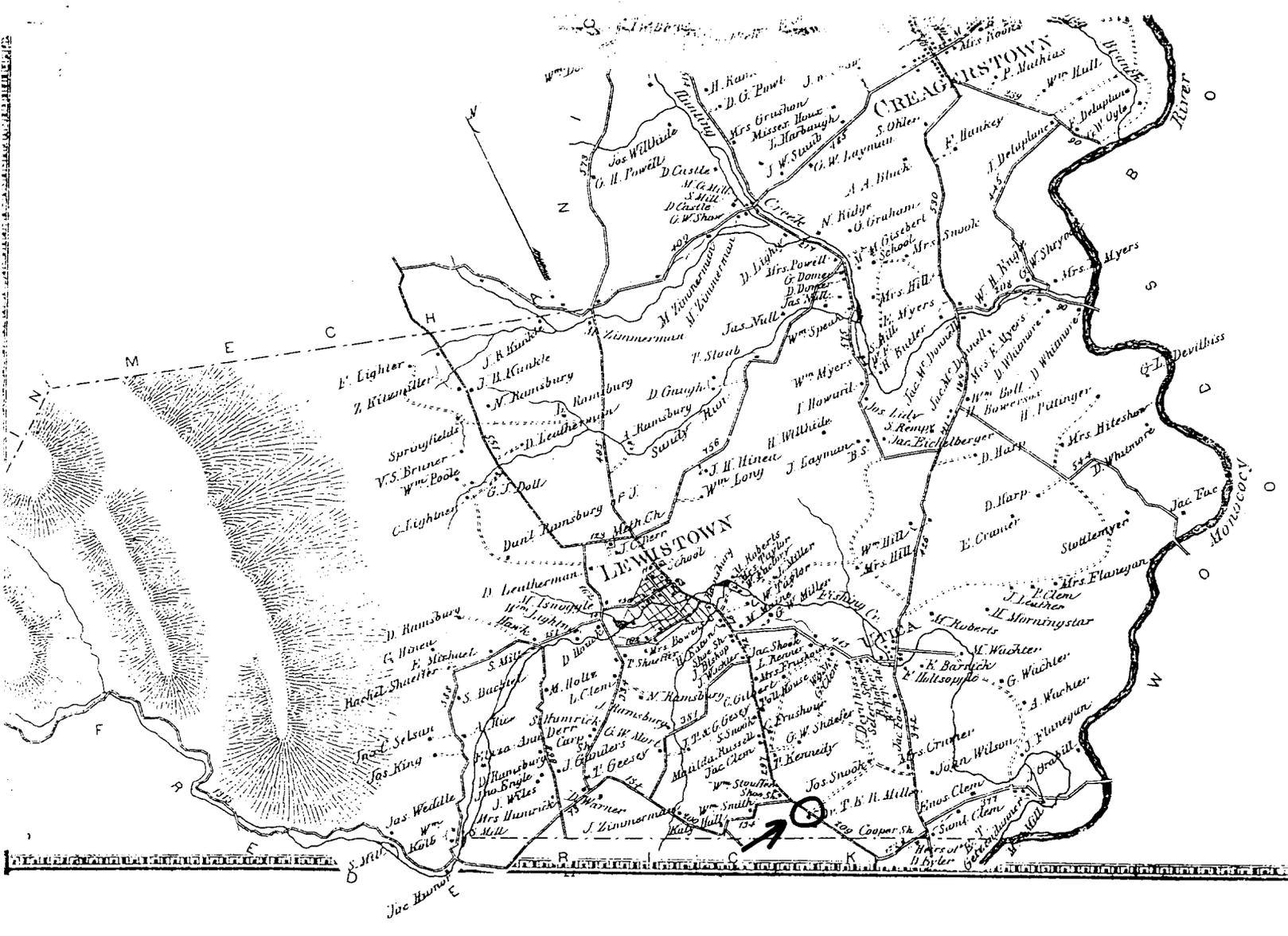
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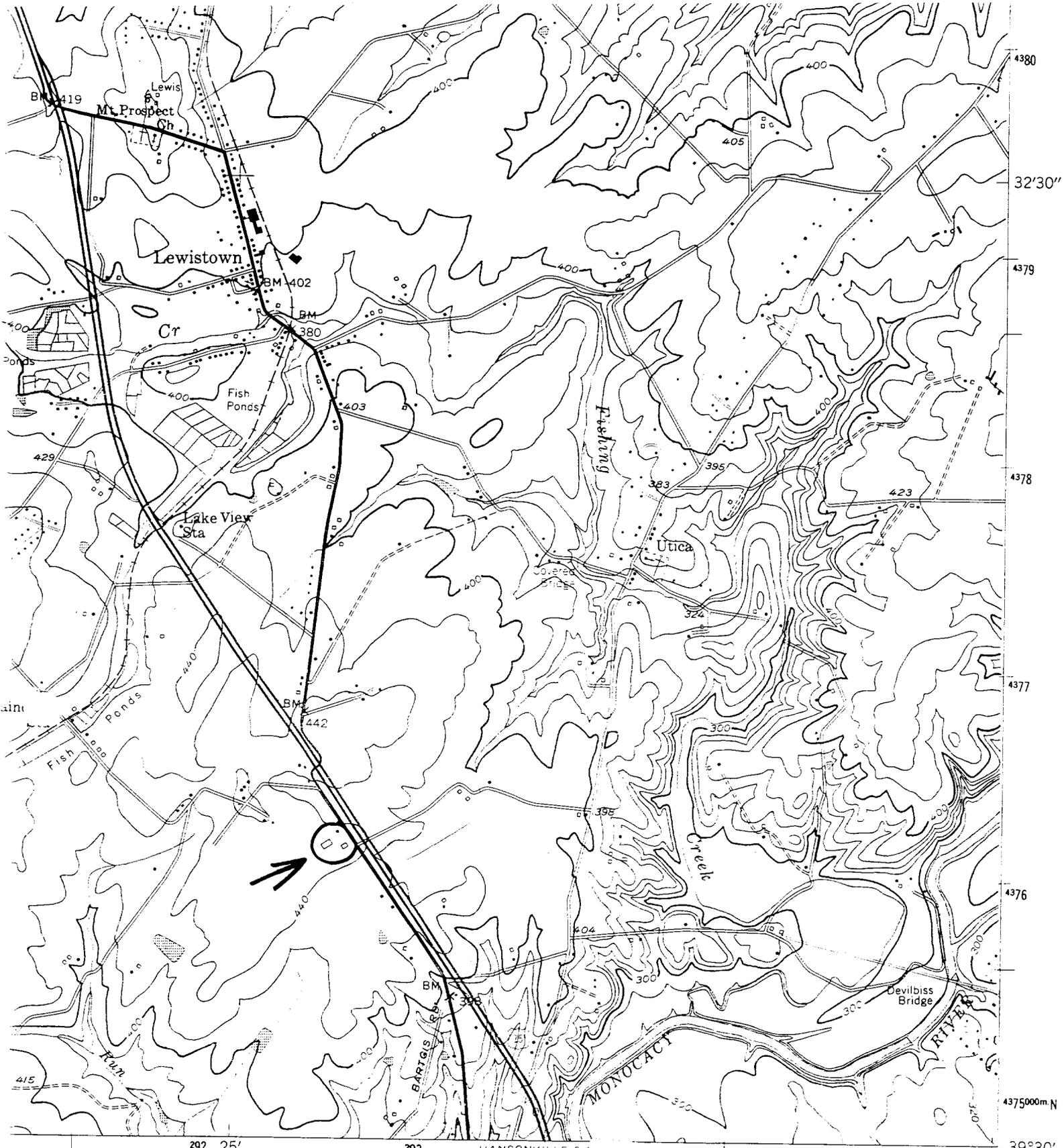
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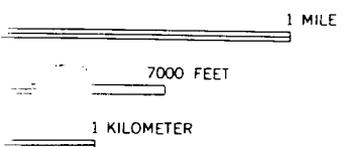
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Frederick A. Stull House; Stevens Airport

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East elevation

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Frederick A. Stull House; Stevens Airport

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South elevation

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Northwest corner view

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Hongar and control tower, southwest corner view

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