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CARRYING THE OLYMPIC TORCH

by Edward B. Epstein

Quite often Olympic philatelic collecting takes on an interesting turn from unexpected sources. Such was the case when a co-worker informed me that a relative of his carried the Olympic torch. I asked him to find out in which Olympiad his cousin carried the flame. He explained, a few days later, that his cousin Binney married a Greek boy from Olympia who carried the torch for the 16th Olympiad. Realizing it would be unique to have his signature on the Quantas Olympic Torch Flight Cover, I requested my friend to forward the cover to Olympia for his autograph. I waited five months for the cover to be returned. I had just about given up hope when I received a reply from Greece.

The following was written by Binney Panagopoulos, wife of Kosta Panagopoulos, as the torch bearer does not write English, "Dear Mr. Epstein, I am sure you are well informed asto all the facts of the Olympic Games and traditions. And one custom which I believe is still used is a sort of unwritten law where the first seven runners are to be from Olympia and the best athlete of the seven will receive the flame and be the first runner. Of course it was a very exciting time - especially when the seven are picked and then waiting to hear your name to be the first runner. I was ninteen at the time and carried the flame just about one mile, it was taken from the alter (at that time it was just outside of the archaeological site) through the town of Olympia. It took a little persuasion at the time but the runners were allowed to keep the torches which they ran..."



As any flame on a prop airliner causes an extreme fire hazard there has been rumor that Quantas Airlines never really carried the Olympic flame to Melbourne. This rumor is dispelled by the following letter to C. Robert Paul, Jr., Director of Communications for the United States Olympic Committee, from the Commissioner of the National Football League, Pete Rozelle who was, at the time Publicity Director for the Quantas Torch Flight. He wrote, "Your letter brought back fond memories. The Olympic flame was transported from Greece to Australia by Quantas in two miners lamps that were in a protected area of the plane. It was not extinguished.

Incidentally, as I recall, the torch bearer did not get the expected welcome when he arrived from the Sidney Town Hall (or whatever) enroute to Melbourne. It seems he was proceeded by a few minutes by a college student prankster carrying a flame in a tin can mounted on a broom stick. The latter received the initial adulation on the unspecting crowd."

The Olympic Torch flight route was via Athens, Instanbul, Basra, Karachi, Calcutta, Bangkok, Singapore and Port Darwin. It covered 8,545 statute miles. From Port Darwin the torch was then relayed 2,831 miles to Melbourne.

Olympic and Sport Stamps---

"THE BLACK BLOT" by Joe Schirmer, Associate Editor

Whether or not we tend to agree with it, the American Philatelic Society **Black Blot** program is here to stay. And whether we want to admit it or not, the black blot program has put its stigma on quite a few sports and Olympic stamps since it started in April 1962.

And over the years certain philatelic federations and organizations along with the sponsors of many exhibitions have either issued rules or have requested exhibitofs not to show black blotted items. As to the feasibility and the righteousness of their actions, it would appear to me that it is all in the eye of the beholder.

But think of the challenge it would be to form a sports and Olympic collection of just black blotted items. Financially this might get a bit costly, but the unique difference of such a collection along with the exacting research one would do in order to properly ascertain as to just why the APS did black blot them would be a herculean but worthwhile task.

The APS has now published a book listing all the black blots since 1962 thru 1977. The book is titled "Black Blot 1962-1977", and was compiled by SPI member Barbara de Violini. The book sells for \$2.75 (\$2.20 to APS members), and is available from the APS, Bcx 800, State College, PA 16801.

If the bible of philately, Scott Catalogs can 'play' with various philatelic issues and list them as 'only for the record', then we see no reason why the APS cannot have their play toy also in their Black Blot Program.

THE DAVID FELDMAN AUCTION

by Sherwin Podolsky, Associate Editor

On June 27-30, 1978, the auction house of David Feldman, S.A. held an auction in Zurich of nearly 6,000 lots of prime material. Included were 107 lots of Olympic material. Some material was sold that is rarely offered. The demand for postal history was very strong. The material listed here is for Olympic items only. Prices are given in U.S. dollars with a 10% auctioneer's surcharge being included.

- 1896 Greece Olympic set mint complete with orginal gum, hinged, fresh and fine. \$585.20.
- 1906 Greece set of special vignettes in five colors, red; green; blue; grey-silver; and gold. Perf. gummed, H and fine. \$86.24.
- 1912 Stockholm. Two cards with (1913) reproductions of the special cancels, STADION and STADION-LBR. \$677.60.
- 1913 (for 1916 Berlin). Used and unused cards with special cancel 8/7/13 from Opening of Olympic Stadium for 1916 Olympics not held. \$1,971.20.
- 1920 Belgium. Large cover with Tin Hat set (10 values), each stamp tied by Olympic hand cancel. With reg. label for VII Olympiade. With arrival cancel. \$862.40.
- 1920 10¢ Olympic stamp tied by Olympic hand cancel on card. \$209.44.
- 1921 Belgium 5¢ & 10¢ surcharges inverted NH & LH. &369.60.
- 1924 France. 3 covers with slogan cancels of Paris-Depart, Paris-La Boetie, Paris-Care St. Lazare. Also complete mint set, hinged. \$86.24.
- 1924 8 Pasteur postal stationery cards, each showing diff. sport, no wrapper, mint. \$862.40.
- 1924 Cover bearing 25¢ Olympic tied by COLOMBES VILLAGE OLYMPIQUE 5/7/24 (Opening Day) postmark. Double strike. \$492.80.
- 1924 Uruguay. NH set plus 3 covers with special cancels. \$246.40.
- 1928 Netherlands. Complete set tied on cover with special hand cancels. No. 1. \$67.76.
- 1932 US set of singles and blocks of 4, NH. 1 Lake Placid, 2 Los Angles covers. 2 of the 3 are FDC. \$86.24.
- 1936 Greece. Reg. cover for Olympic relay with arrival OLYMPISCHES DORF cancel.. \$86.24.
- 1936 Germany. 2 Zeppelin Olympic flight covers both with double-ring Cn Board cancels, one in black, other in blue. \$160.16-
- 1936 Zeppelin Olympic flight cover from Belgium. Also German franking with On Board cancel. \$800,80.
- 1936 Zeppelin Clympic flight from Belgium. Also German franking but with Frankfurt departure cancel. \$677.60.
- 1936 Zeppelin Olympic flight cover from Netherlands. Also Austrian postal card with imprint for Olympic flight unused, folded. \$462.00.

The following lots are 1936 German Clympic meters on cover or fragments (closely cut strips).

BERLIN STADT DER (:LYMPIADE 1936 cover and BERLIN/CHARLOTTENBER 2 fragments. Fine. \$154.

BERLIN W/35/BESUCHT DEUTSCHLAND. Cover, front. \$98.56.

BERLIN SW/68 DENKT AN DIE OLYMPISCHEN SPIELE 1936. \$117.04.

BERLIN SW. Rare "Lufthansa". Fragment. \$510.40.

BERLIN C/2 VERWALTUNGSBEZIRK MITTE... Cover. \$110.88.

BERLIN NO/55 VERWALTUNGSEZIRK PRENSLAUER BEFG. Cut into. \$67,76. BERLIN/SPANDAU 1 \$184.80.

- 1952 Finland official telegram form, 2 covers with publicity cancels, 4 meters on covers; also Austria black proof stamp, FDC and flight cover to Helsinki. Also 2 other covers. \$862.40.
- Also 2 other covers. \$862.40.

 1956 Australia. 'Wonderful and comprehensive range, excellent depth'. 80 covers, 5 cards, 10 fragments, 7 stamps. \$554.40.
- 1948 FDC's from Bahrain, Kuwait, Morocco, Dubai and Tangier, Oly. stamps. \$221.76.
- 1936 Telegram form from Kiel, very rare. Also two damaged stamp sheets from HEERSTRASSE & STADION. \$677.60.

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ARGENTINA '78

O. W. Wyslotsky

Special Hand Cancel on FDC's of the February 4th Overprinted Issue. Known from Buenos Aires Main P.O. only, black.

Special Hand Cancel on FDC'S of the February 10th Regular Issue, black. No soccer motif on the cancel. Known from Buenos Aires and Mendoza.





Argentina '78



The 4th World Cup Issue is of a "Publicity/Tourism" nature, depicting the tourist attractions of the five cities where the games were held.

50 Pesos Rosario: City and River. (Parana)

100 Pesos Mendoza: Rio Tercero

150 Pesos Cordoba: Cordillera. (Mountains)

200 Pesos Mar del Plata: a view of Downtown

300 Pesos Buenos Aires: Panoramic View.

Special First Day Hand Cancel. Known from Buenos Aires Main P. O. only. Black.





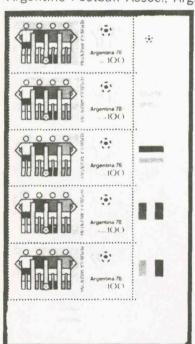
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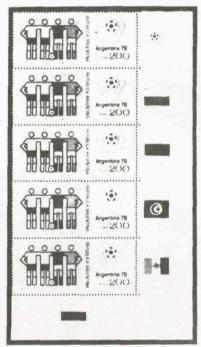
The final Commemorative Issue, released on June 3rd. Depicts the participating nations players in their original jerseys:

100 Pesos Group 1; Argentina, Italy, France, Hungary Group 2; Poland, Germany, Tunisia, Mexico

300 Pesos Group 3: Austria, Spain, Sweden, Brazil 400 Pesos Group 4: Holland, Iran, Peru, Scotland

Souvenir Sheet 700 Pesos: River Plate Stadium World Cup '78, Argentine Football Assoc., Arg. Postal Authorities, FIFA emblems.

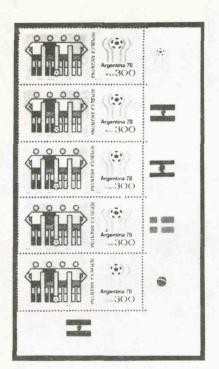


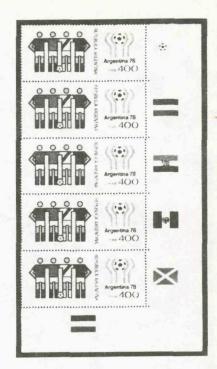




Special Hand Cancel for First Day Covers of the same issue, black. (Argentine Postal Authorities do not issue official FDC's).

1000 BUENOS AIRES







This issue is interesting for the specialists, because the flags of the participating nations are printed on the margins, also World Cup. '78 symbol, however the catch here is that you have to buy four sets to have all the flags and symbol. This is the first postal issue from Argentina that contains a "gimmick", to sell more and faster. It will be very interesting to see what the wholesale dealers will make-out of this issue, since the face value of it is quite low. Quantities issued on all Argentine World Cup stamps will be announced at a later day.



Cancel, black, for the March 7 World Cup '78 issue. Known from Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo.

Official FDC of same, issued by the Brazilian Ministry of Posts.



.... From Poland. Official FDC of the April 12th World Cup '78 issue.



Mistrzostwa Świata w Piłce Nożnej Argentyna 1978 Warszawa 1 12V 1978

Special Hand Cancel (FDC) for the same issue, black.

The official Polish propaganda folders of new issues are very interesting because they contain illustrations printed from original plates and in original colors with embossed perf. and "fake" cancels.

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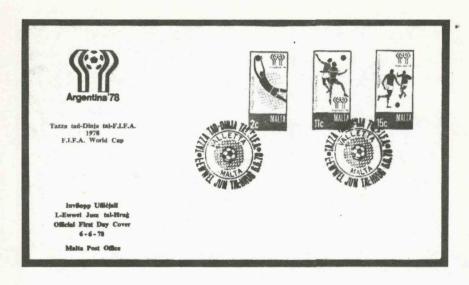
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Warsaw 1. May 23rd, 1978. Special Hand Cancel, black: "Departure of the Polish National Team to World Cup '78".

black, on FDC's of the June 6th World Cup issue. (Malta played in the qualifying round, but was eliminated from the final round). Official FDC of the issue, Maltese Postal Authorities Issue. (Next page).





.... From Mexico. June 1st, 1978. Mexico issues a set of three values for World Cup '78. This is the Special Cancel, used on FDC's of that issue, black.



Every collector of specialized material, at one time or another, goes thru the experience of discovering new, totally unknown to him, items. Such is the case with this particular Special Hand Cancel, black, use last year at the ARGENTINA '77 Philatelic Exhibition. This cancel qualifies as "Pre-World Cup '78" item, since it does publicize the the World Championship of 1978. There were other cancels of this



nature, at Cordoba two different ones, but so far unavailable in original form, thus can't be reproduced and listed in this column. The Special Cancels used during the course of the championship will be listed here at a later date, as will any other "Pre-Championship" cancels, etc., if available.



U.S. NATIONAL HOT AIR BALLOON CHAMPIONSHIP

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SPECIAL EVENT COVERS

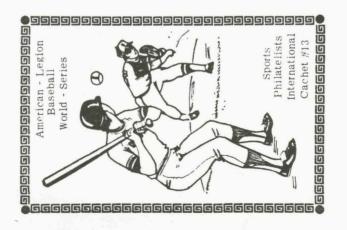
Illustrated are the cachets used for the Special Event covers described in the last issue of JSP. All covers are \$1.00 each plus an SASE. Order from: John La Porta, 3604 S. Home, Ave., Berwyn, Ill. 60402.



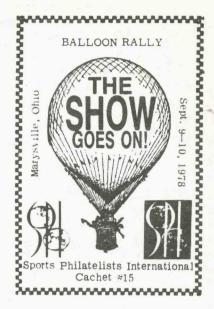
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	Cachets, Sales	\$481.90			
	Exp.	527.53	(45.63)		
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	JSP printing		\$772.21		
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'32 Handbook:

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CONGO, REP. — Oct. 5, 1978. 2 stamps showing indigenous hunting. Designer: E. Mokoto, offset printed by Cartor SA in sheets of 25.

DJBOUTI — Aug. 20, 1978. Soccer Cup Championship winners. 2 airmail stamps overprinted in black.

DOMINICAN REP. — Sept. 12, 1978. Tourist Fromotion. 4 stamps, 2ϕ riding; 6ϕ sailing & camping, 500,000 each. Designer: N. Davila, litho by Editorial Padilla. FRANCE — Oct. 23, 1978. World Gymnastic Championships, one stamp depicting gymnasts. Designer-engraver: J. Gauthier, 7 million.

GERMANY (WEST BERLIN) — Aug. 18, 1978. One stamp depicting Third World Swimming Championships. Printed in offset by Govt. Press in panes of 50.

GHANA - 1978. World Cup Football Winners overprinted on the 4 value Football set; s/s also overprinted.

HAITI — Delayed issue. Montreal Olympics 1976, 6 stamps air & postage values. ITALY — Aug. 26, 1978. World wide Baseball Championships 8 stamp and postal card. 2 million copies, photogravure, 3 special baseball cancels from BOLOGNA, PARMA & RIMINI. Note: originally scheduled for July 26, 1978.

JAPAN - Aug. 1, 1978. 50th Anniversary of Radio Gymnastics sports shown by a child's drawing. Sheets of 50. Designer: K. Tsukada, photogravure 26 million. JUGOSLAVIA - Aug. 10, 1978. XIV World Kayak & Canoe Championships on Still Water. 1 stamp offset printed by VEB Wertpapierdruckerei in sheets of 9.

Designer: D. Lucic.

KAULBACH ISLAND LOCALS - Aug. 1978. Local stamp from Wm. Perry marine painting showing American Cup Winner for 1977, panes of 9. Printer: PKI Ltd. 403 S. Main St. Providence, RI 02903.

KOREA (NORTH) - April 1, 1978. Pre-Olympic Moscow 1980. 6 stamps & s/s & large sheet, offset. 22,000 sets perf, 3,000 imperf. 10,000 s/s perf, 5,000 imperf.

22,000 large sheets perf & 3,000 imperf.

KOREA (NORTH) — June 1, 1978. World Soccer Cup Winners, 5 stamps, 1 s/s & 1 large sheet plus 1 airmail stamp. Quantities perf 20,000 each, imperf 10,000 ea. KOREA (NORTH) — July 5, 1978. World Cup Winners II s/s overprinted on 4 values. Offset by Pyongyang Stamp Printing House.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Treasury Dept. has prohibited the purchase abroad and the importation of these stamps into the U.S.

KOREA (SOUTH) - Aug. 5, 1978. 24th International Youth Skill (vocational) Olympics. Design: K.M. Lee. 3 million & 300,000 S/S design shows hand clenching wrench.

MALI - Aug. 7, 1978. Soccer Cup-Argentina Championships. 3 stamps overprinted s/s also overprinted. Sheets of 10.

MEXICO - July 21, 1978. First World Youth Chess Championships. 2 stamps. Designer: C. Encinas. Photogravure by the State Mint. 1 million sets.

MOROCCO - Aug. 25, 1978. World Sailing Championship. 1 stamp.

PAKISTAN - Aug. 26, 1978. One stamp issued for Riccione 78. Shows field hockey stick, ball & trophy. Designer: M.A. Munawar. Offset litho by Pakistan Security Printing Corp in sheets of 50, 600,000.

PARAGUAY — June 28, 1978. Racing Cars, 6 stamps, 35,000 each & 2 airmails 10,000 sets plus s/s 5,000 sheets. Design from photos by G. Sieger. Offset by Litho Nacional.

ST. THOMAS & PRINCIPE - 1978 4 stamps, sports etc. Also minature sheet block of 4 & s/s.

SALVADOR - Aug. 15, 1978. World Cup, 3 stamps. 50,000 sets. Offset by Tipografia Central.

TOKELAU — Nov. 8, 1978. Canoe Racing, 4 stamps. Designer F. Paulo. Photo gravure by Fournier S.A. in sheets of 50. These stamps are not valid for postage. Stamps are on sale until Nov. 7, 1978 from the New Zealand Philatelic Bureau. TURKEY — Aug. 1978. Gymnasiad-78. World School Games. 4 semi-postal stamps with emblem & wave pattern of sports. Designer: N.E. Dundar, offset printed by Ajans-Turk, 250,000 sets.

UNITED STATES — Sept. 2, 1978. Auto Racing envelope. 15ϕ embossed design based on a facsimile of the Indianapolis 500 racing car.

UNITED STATES - Proposed program. Aug. 1979 - 1 stamp Retarded Olympics. Sept. 6, 1979 - 6 Olympic Stamps (block of 4 and 2 singles). No release date: Olympic stationery - 3 postal cards, 1 envelope, 1 aerogram.

URUGUAY — Aug. 28, 1978. Riccione-Eurphila '78 (overprinted) it is one of the numerous recently issued airmail stamps showing logos of: FIFA: various airlines; UIT; etc. with the logo of the 1976 Montreal Olympic Games in the lower left corner. Designer: Medina; Printer: Natl. Printing House, 20,000 sets (each plate contains 25 sets).

URUGUAY - 1978. Souvenir sheet with border inscription "Aviation-Wright Bros. Anniv. UROEXPO 78; Ford 75th Anniv. etc." S/S shows butterfly, Ford Car model T/75; Soccer Champ & Dumas flag.

ZAIRE — Aug. 7, 1978. 7 stamps & 2 s/s for World Cup Football. Stamps depict various football actions, both s/s show the trophy 7 football cup. Blue s/s has final score. Designer: O. Bonnevalle. Printed in sheets of 60 by Cartor Printing House.

LETS POOL OUR OLYMPIC AND SPORTS KNOWLEDGE

Edited by Edward B. Epstein

Sports and Olympic philatelists have, collectively, a great deal of knowledge, which when pooled, can be of mutual benefit. Questions concerning sports and Olympic philately will be assigned a number and published in JSP. Responses to questions will be printed in subsequent issues. Address all questions and answers to your editor: Edward B. Epstein, Paterson Board of Education, 33 Church St., Paterson, NJ 07505 U.S.A.

A-54 The question of "perfinned" sports and Olympic stamps seems to have struck a responsive chord from at least two members. Joe Schirmer is very interested in both the fields of "perfins" and precancels. He reports that at least 23 different perfins exist on the 1932 US Olympic stamp issues (Scott * 716, 718 & 719.) He also informs me that Salvador has "perfinned" a sports set. "Perfins" are also used by some stamp printers on samples to prevent use and/or theft.

Dave Bressler has in his collection a cover from Paris branch of the Guaranty Trust Company of New York on which the 25¢ & 50¢ of the 1924 French Olympic issue (Scott #199, 201) are "perfinned" with the initials "GT".

Any additional "perfinned" sports or Olympic stamps would be welcomed for listing in this column.

A-51. What is the most interesting item in my collection? Franceska Rapkin, a 1936 Eerlin Olympic collector, from England responds, "I think that this is almost impossible to answer, so many items are interesting, some of them for personal reasons, and expense is not necessarily the criterion, nor rarity. Very often I have found that expense and rarity are not even related. I suppose that if I had to find the one most interesting item in my collection, it would be the piece that set me on the rocky road of Olympic collecting in the first place . . . if I could only remember which item it was!"

Q-60. I have heard that there was a special rocket flight to commemorate the 8th Olympic Winter Games in Squaw Valley, Calif. Is this true? Was there any philatelic material connected with this flight? If so, how many items were carried aboard the flight?

Q-61. Information about the 1952 Communist China "Gymnastics By Radio" issue is desired. Was the issue valid for postage or were they labels? If they were postage stamps how many stamps in the series were there? How did the program work?



President's Message

MESSAGE FROM THE NEW PRESIDENT

Greetings, belatedly perhaps, from the new officers and directors of Sports Philatelists International. Our election was not certified in time for these remarks to meet the copy deadline for the September-October issue of the Journal, hense this late message.

We do not expect major changes in SPI and its program. We hope to maintain what we have and to make modest adjustments here and there. Unfortunately, as we already know, we will also have to make an occasional unpleasant announcement.

There will be problems in continuing SPI's program. Continuing escalation of costs, particularly by the USFS (without any noticeable improvement of service), will become a problem sooner or later. Some squabbling within the membership has reduced our effectiveness. And just now there are personnel problems which must be resolved in order to continue what we have.

We are still searching, at this date, for a Secretary-Treasurer; the membership has been singularly unresponsive to our request for help. It also appears that we shall need to fill several other important positions in the near future.

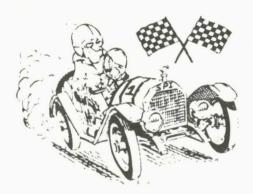
All this brings up the old refrain. Over the years the ratio of workers to "riders" has remained far to low. As the group of faithful workers dwindles slowly with time, replacements become necessary just to maintain the status quo. That, essentially, is our position now. We need help and must turn to former non-participants and new members for that help. The little group which has carried SPI for years just can't take on any more responsibilities. To pay one's dues is not enough. Let me hear from you if you wish to assist, quite literally if you want to keep SPI alive and healthy.

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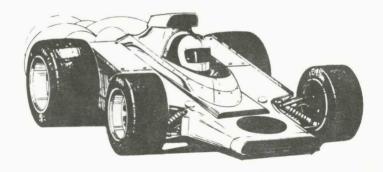


Several members have written to your editor asking what the US Open Souvenir card was issued for. After looking a bit more closely I'd ask what it was myself if I didn't know! This is a postcard issued for the US CHESS OPEN. A few are still on hand for our chess fans.

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ONTARIO CALIFORNIA 91761 Illustrated here are the two FDC's of the Auto Racing envelope. A total of 150 of each design were printed by SPI. Cachet #28 is in blue and cachet #29 is in red. Prices are \$1.00 each or \$1.75 for a set of two plus a stamped, addressed return envelope. Order from: John La Porta, 3604 S. Home Ave., Berwyn, IL 60402.



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