A10 The Aftermath Chronology

Four days in September

8:48 a.m.

NEW YORK - A hijacked plane slams into the north tower of the World Trade Center. Just after 9 a.m., a second plane hits the south tower. People stream out the exits. More than 400 firefighters rush to the scene.

9:40 a.m.

10 a.m. WASHINGTON - A hijacked jet SHANKSVILLE, PA. - Ten minutes crashes into the Pentagon, after the U.S. Federal Aviation nerve centre of the U.S. military. Administration shuts down all The U.S. government later says U.S. airports, a fourth hijacked jet crashes into a field near it has evidence that the Pittsburgh. Officials won't hijackers intended to fly the plane into the White House. speculate on why it went down.

10:05 a.m.

NEW YORK - The south tower of the World Trade Center falls. Twenty-five minutes later, the north tower collapses. Between 200 and 300 firefighters and almost 100 police officers are believed to be buried.

8:30 p.m.

WASHINGTON - President George W. Bush faces the media. He says the United States will hold accountable those responsible for the attacks. Later he will call the attacks an "act of war."

About 7 a.m.

NEW YORK - The rescue of two New York Port Authority police officers overnight buoys hopes and at dawn, cranes, bulldozers and dump trucks converge on the World Trade Center site.

8 a.m.

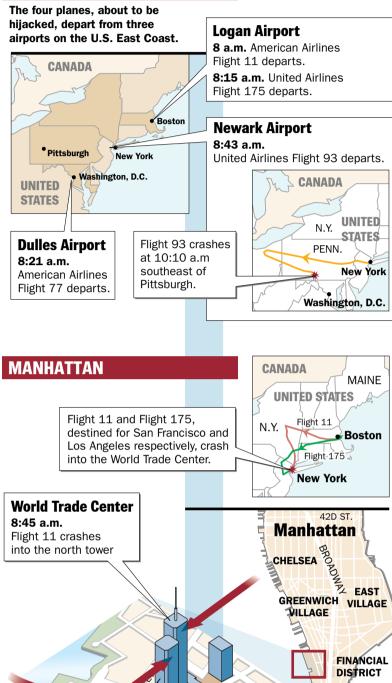
NEW YORK - Rescuer as another police offi pulled from the rubble firefighters are also p from the wreckage. A them are reported to good condition.



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THE BEGINNING



Tuesday



■ After a hijacked jetliner has slammed into the north tower of the World Trade Center, leaving a trail of smoke and flames, a second hijacked jetliner screams toward the south tower. Two more hijacked planes will crash in the next hour in an unprecedented terrorist attack. America is under siege.

■ In Washington, a helicopter

surveys the damaged Penta-

gon — nerve centre of the

U.S. military — after it was

struck by a hijacked jetliner.

Smoke rises from the wreck-

age as the building is evacuated. Fear ripples across

White House and the Capitol

Washington and both the

building are evacuated.





■ Firefighters pou Trade Center, a 4 towers. 7WTC als and with the wree bulldozers and de scene and begin firefighters, Natio teers with rescue called on to help

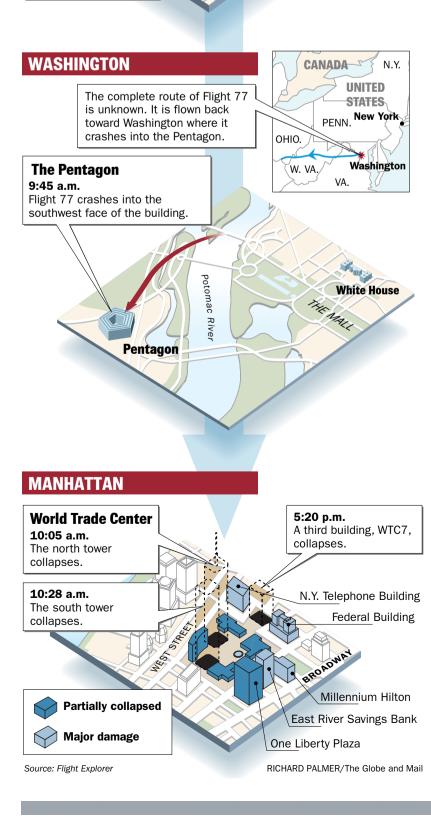


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York. As Presider retaliate, the mag sink in. At this po Giuliani believes in the debris.



9:03 a.m. Flight 175 crashes into the south tower





■ An already horrific situation worsens as the south tower of the World Trade Center collapses, sending a suffocating cloud of dust and debris into the air. The north tower falls minutes later. Each day about 50,000 people worked in the towers, which now entomb thousands.

■A firefighter screams in pain as he is pulled from the rubble shortly after the towers collapse. He is one of the lucky ones. Officials estimate that between 200 and 300 firefighters and up to 100 police officers were in the buildings when they collapsed. Rescue efforts are hampered by the huge amount of debris and the instability of other buildings in the area. Over the next few days rescuers are spurred on by reports of trapped people contacting family on cell phones to tell them they are alive.





■A trader at the stock exchange in Frankfurt. Germany, watches share prices fall as investors get jittery in the wake of the terrorist attacks. Asian markets tanked Wednesday. European markets, down most of the day, began to recover later. Latin American markets started to recover from Tuesday's losses. The New York Stock Exchange is closed but is scheduled to reopen Monday.

■ New York firefighter John Cleary wipes soot from his face while taking a break from rescue work at the World Trade Center. Mr. Cleary helped pull two New York Port Authority police officers from the rubble in the morning. More than 11,000 firefighters from the New York area joined rescue efforts. A platoon of six firefighters and another police officer are also rescued from the rubble.





