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The Boeing 767-200 which was flying as American Airlines Flight 11—on September 11, 2001—bore registration number N334AA. This image depicts the plane which would be hijacked five months later, taxiing at Manchester Airport in April of 2001. Photo by Ken Fielding; online via Wikimedia Commons. License: CC BY-SA 3.0

An American Airlines Boeing 767 (Flight 11) left Boston’s Logan Airport at 7:59 EDT heading for Los Angeles.

Mohamed Atta (who had flown to Boston from Portland, Maine early on 9/11 and whose suitcase, containing a video on flying airplanes, a fuel consumption calculator and a copy of the Koran was later found at Logan Airport) was on board. So were four other hijackers.

When Atta and his compatriots took control of Flight 11, they diverted the plane south toward New York City. It struck the North Tower (1 World Trade Center) between the 95th and 103rd floors at 8:46:40 EDT. (The video links in this paragraph depict what Jules Naudet filmed [move the cursor ahead, to 21:04, to see his interview with Charlie Rose] as the first attack took place.)

All 92 people onboard died, including nine flight attendants and both pilots. People in Trade Center 1 made emergency phone calls after the plane crashed into the North Tower. Many of those recorded phone calls became the last words family members had from their loved ones.

Air traffic controllers could hear part of the conversation in the cockpit after the hijackers took control of Flight 11. (A quick-thinking member of the flight crew had managed to activate that system.) At 8:28 EDT, one of the attackers said:

Don't do anything foolish. You are not going to get hurt. We have more planes. We have other planes.

One of those “other planes” was already on its suicide-murder mission.

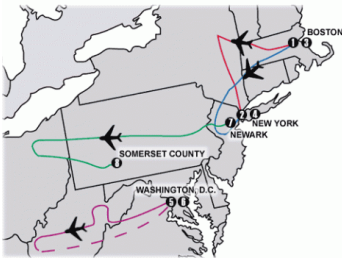
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FLIGHTS OF DESTRUCTION



Flight Paths - September 11 Attack Planes

Image online, courtesy theglobeandmail.com website.

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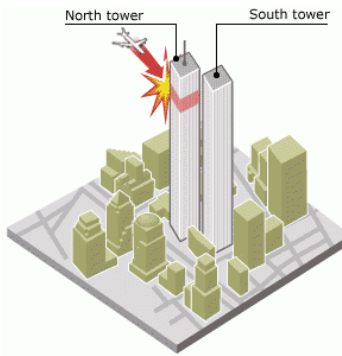


World Trade Center - Location of North Tower

Image online, courtesy the BBC.

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Location of Strike - North Tower, World Trade Center

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September 11 - Film by Jules and Gedeon Naudet

Charlie Rose - interview with James Hanlon (a New York City firefighter), Gedeon and Jules Naudet. Courtesy, [Charlie Rose](http://charlierose.com) and [PBS](http://pbs.org).

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World Trade Center - North Tower Strike

Clip from *9/11*, a [documentary](http://www.pbs.org) by the Naudet brothers and narrated by their friend, firefighter James Hanlon.

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