

10/28/03 Interview Master Sgt. Joe McCain
McCain¹

- Historical interview

- Media interviews

after action reports

- York exercises

- Tracking - 1984-86 ->

1 I.D.

needs. ~ 1990 -

~ I.D. Tech ✓

✓ MCC Tech Position 1988-99

~ EA. coordination

- Air movement identification service =
N.Y. & MIS → They have flight
plans for A/C traveling over the ocean.

- Pre 9-11 needs had a hot-line
to N.Y. Mis

- Pre 9-11 > He worked the Lufthansa hijack out of Paris France to JFK (1993).
 - Canadian fighters F-18¹⁵ tracked A/C to Burlington VT. when NEADS' fighters of picked up Lufthansa A/C. → clt landed at JFK.
 - He was not aware of hijackers' intentions.
 - Hijack exercises occurred weekly ("fable Rice") pre 9-11.
 - Rice designates > 7 targets minimum in the exercise.
 - Hijack scenarios varied →
 - Some over land.
 - Some over water.
 - Some simulated hijacks originated over land.
- ~~large~~ A/C leaves Chicago → 2 hijacks 7000

- hijack
 - exercises → they never tracked
 - ↳ primary only target -
- Multiple hijack scenarios → never part of pre 9-11 hijack exercises.
- Drug interdiction work post Cold war era → oft added certain responsibilities to certain positions.
- MCC Technician - duties and respons.
 - ↳ a coordinator
- Gather information from multiple sources and give it to whoever needs to know it.
- eyes and ears of MCC -
- Help give the MCC situational awareness.
- MCC Tech - sits next to I.D. section. → takes input from I.D. section.
- MCC tech → has to send reports TO CONR thru "NAS" = ~~██████████~~

road alerting system.

E 9/11 - Major Fox - S.D. - Senior Director

- MCC Tech → primarily responsible for entries in CONR: That logo.
- Battle Cab on 9-11 was in constant communication with CDR, NORAD, etc.
- 9-11 Events → Battle Cab was full.
- Exercises scheduled to begin at @ 9:00 A.M.
- Major Steve Ovens (~~had Canadian~~) was the training MCC on 9-11.
 - He doesn't think anyone on the NCADS floor believed AAU II was still airborne after 9:00 A.M.
 - He believes the FAA reported that AAU II was still airborne after 9:00 A.M.

- They heard about crash of UA 175 but never saw it on scope before he saw or heard about second crash into WTC 2.
- When did you believe this was ~~a~~ terrorist activity? - After WTC 1 was hit.
- Deductions from size of hole in WTC 1?
- He ~~as~~ remembers people writing down lessons learned on the ops. floor → binders being distributed to floor for input of floor positions as to lessons learned from 9-11.
- Tech positions = enlisted people
- Leslie LNO - determined to write a book on history of 9-11
 - Prior to this Col. ~~Blaney~~ Blaney told him what he could talk about and what he could not talk about.

- Clark Speicher says the WD people
on duty on 9-11-01 were:

(AWO)

① Air Weapons Officers → They
are the controllers who talk to pilot

② Weapons Directors → (WD)
controlling A/C just like
1 above

③ Weapons Director Technicians
Inlisted people who sit next
to AWO's or WD's and
they push the buttons.

→ These 3 positions work
for the Senior Director (SD)
and the Senior Director Technician
(SDT).

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Interview

1/20/04 MEADS Sgt. Joseph McCain

- Fred Davies -

- Sgt. Bianchi made entry
1240Z - AAL II possible by mistake
- Sgt. McCain does not make
an entry in MCC Tech. log book
until 1834 - "Panta 45/46 landed
@ Fm H @ 1824"
- Sgt. Bianchi made most
entries b/w 1240Z and 1824Z
- Master Sgt. Perry - made some
entries during this time
- Staff Sgt. Larry Thornton - he
was a trooper on duty on
morning of 9-11.
- 9/11/01 AST - Sgt. Richard ^{Stone}
- 1 or 2 TT would have been
on duty on 9/11 → others would
have been available to rotate

- "J 50" Radar site ~~may~~ would have picked up AA 67 as it approached Wash. D.C.
- 84th RADERS at NEADS would have performed DATA radar reductions re: tracks of 4 by hyacked A/C on 9/11.
- * - They found D 1989 on their radar scopes and made the A/C a "Special 15".
- Special 15 = NORAD code for a hyacked A/C
- "B 089" forward told Computer symbology assigned to $\Delta 1989$
- forward told \rightarrow all NEADS to send the symbology to CONR and NORAD. (not the radar data)
- I.D. Section keeps over logs. \rightarrow

Raymond LaBlanc → ID
 Tech on duty on 9/11 - he
 may have kept log sheet

- 1407 - 1522 2 entries in log book
 made by Sgt. Perry
- Chat logs at NEADS.

{ ① MCC
 ② MCC Tech
 ③ ID Tech
 ④ Weapons Section
 ⑤ AST
 ⑥ ICT } have access to
 Chat logs →

90% of entries are made by MCC and
 MCC Tech

- NEADS talks to ConR
 and ConR tells AWC

MSG Joe McCain

Tape or no?

Open 84 → 270 WADS

Tracer - TO Sector → Houston TX

height op

1990

ID Tech NEEDS 7-8 years

MCCT '98 or '99 since

Special
friendly
to
Unknown

AMIS System

monitors

80% of time

External
info
Bunker
not
seen
lives

Randevu
- USA
- Coast Guard
- FAA
9 Centers
mos
- FSTations
- Targets

The Defend
hot line

NY Center
is water-based

If they have
a message etc
they will call

RCC - MCCT

The world
Hijacked Luftwaffe ID Tech

Colden F-182

Bridgeton F-162

FAA Control - NEADS Special 15

followed to JFK

It was an easy scenario what we did
Every Monday morning → Fertile Rice

Large Scale Simulation
Exercise - more than
7 targets

Worried hijack scenarios
 some organized crew board
 always
 Lufthansa
 Pilot
 Controller
 ID Tech
 90-95% dev moving from nonresponding
 always
 7500 ft
 wants to go somewhere else

events of 9/11 no
 multiple no

Drug interdiction
 added some responsibilities
 Special 15

radar flight follow
 or intercept

MCC/T Higher HQ Coord NORAD
 Coordinator

Primary info
 to Chat Log

Gather tons of info

multiple sources

Discern to who Needs to know

Passes on orders

Eyes & Ears of the MCC

FO
DO
Keep him out of trouble

Keep him informed

MCC

MCC/T

Sur

weapons

ID

9/11 0840 Log entry was at conclusion

BC in constant comm w/ CONR

9/11 middle of exercise to start at \$900
 \$730

Talking to Dailey

Sgt Powell come up - we have a
 real world hijack - Boston
 "exercise starting early"

made a PA call. MCC was in
 bathroom

Normal hr on, hr off

May Oceans less training MCC

Can remember desperately to find AA11

Found AA11



AA11

Honestly thinks he saw it first

prior 5-6 hrs

Boston Center

Heard an a/c hit trade center

from break room

Some confusion between us & FAA

10 minutes

until 12:57:04 Entry

Doesn't believe anyone on the floor

didn't believe it wasn't AA11

Zoomed in - only thing pulling up
 was clutter around NY

Real \$900

remembers FAA saying it was
 still airborne

Gut feeling → thinking going to JFK
 max perceived pilot could have
 gotten too low

Remembered 2d Tower

Deep down this is not uneventful

We had heard but never saw the
second plane

Doesn't recall anyone seeing it

Folders on Ops Floor DDC

In house type thing Col Sanderson

2 towers 2 hijacks

Believe word on 175 came from the
floor

Notified of 4 others

- Pentagon
 - Shanksville
 - Delta 89
 - a/c down in Kentucky
- Re gehtes to 93 today

Mystery of AA11

He would look at ID Tech transcripts

Got a report "bomb on board" thru FSI channels

Pentagon Hit

~~Redacted~~

Cap NY

Langley to DC ASAP

Larodes

Fighters on W72

Authorization for
Unrelept Operations

Stay under Neals

Q777

Pushing FAA out of the loop

WD would control

"Leslie" See Lt Col Blaney

AWC

WD

WDT