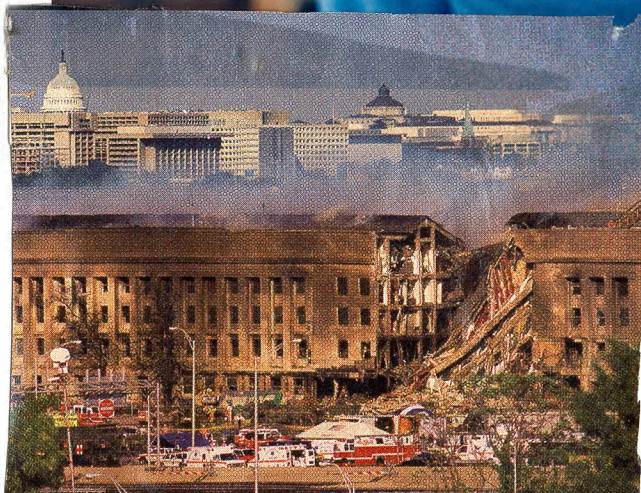


at Cantor Fitzgerald, which lost 700 employees, painted for more than two hours. A firefighter left kneepads that had belonged to a colleague who died in the collapse.

At that time, Erich didn't know that his own loss would soon become personal. On October 3, he sat weeping in the front row at the memorial for his FIT roommate, Michael Noeth.



Smoke rises from the Pentagon on September 11.