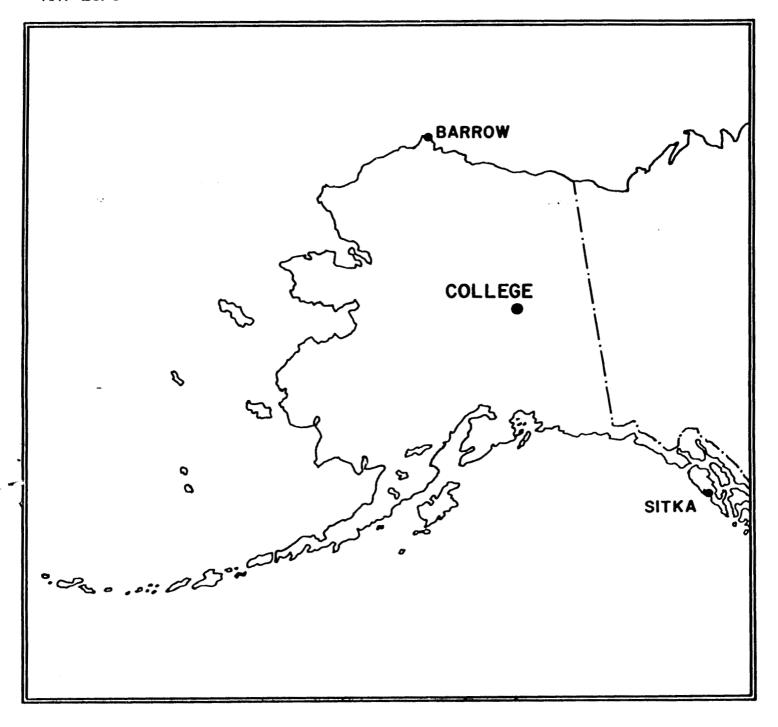
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COLLEGE OBSERVATORY PRELIMINARY GEOMAGNETIC DATA

INTRODUCTION

The preliminary geomagnetic data included here is made available to scientific personnel and organizations, as part of a cooperative effort and on a data exchange basis because of the early need by some users. To avoid delay, all of the data is copied from original forms processed at the observatory; therefore it should be regarded as preliminary. Inquiries about this report or about the College Observatory should be addressed to: Chief, College Observatory

U.S. Geological Survey Yukon Drive on West Ridge Fairbanks, Alaska 99701

Requests for copies of the magnetograms except for the current month should be addressed to:

World Data Center A-NOAA Environmental Data Service Boulder, Colorado 80302

GEOMAGNETIC DATA

Normal, Storm, and Rapid Run magnetograms and appropriate calibration data are processed daily at the observatory and are available for analysis or copying. Also available are mean hourly scalings, K-Indices, selected magnetic phenomena reports, and on a real-time basis are recordings from a 3-component fluxgate magnetometer and F-component proton magnetometer.

Magnetic Activity
The K-Index. The K-Index is a logarithmic measure-The K-Index. The K-Index is a logarithmic measurement of the range of the most disturbed component (D or H) of the geomagnetic field for eight intervals beginning 0000-0300, 0300-0600...2100-2400 UT. It is a measure of the difference between the highest and lowest deviation from a smooth curve to be expected for a component on a magnetically quiet day, within a three hour interval.

The Equivalent Daily Amplitude, AK. The K-Index is converted into an equivalent range, ak, which is near the center of the limiting gamma ranges for a given K. The average of the eight values is called equivalent daily amplitude AK. The unit $10\,\gamma\,has$ been chosen so as notto give the illusion of an accuracy not justified.

The schedule for converting gamma range to K, and K to ak is as follows:

Gamma	Range	K - Index	ak*
0	< 25	0	<u>-0</u>
25	< 50	1	3
50	< 100	2	7
100	< 200	3	15
200	< 350	4	27
350	< 600	5	48
600	<1000	6	80
1000	<1650	7	140
1650	<2500	8	240
2500+		9	400 (10 _Y)

The Magnetic Daily Character Figure, C. To each Universal day a character is assigned on the basis C=O, if it is quiet; C=1 if it is moderately disturbed; C=2 if it is greatly disturbed. The method used to assign characters at the College Observatory is based on AK as follows:

AK Range O≋11	0
11 ≈ 50	ĩ
50+	2

Routine assignment of C was discontinued at College on January 1, 1976.

OBSERVATORY LOCATION

The College Observatory, operated by the U.S. Geological Survey, is located at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks, Alaska. It is near the Auroral Zone and the northern limit of the world's greatest earthquake belt, the circum-Pacific Seismic belt. Although the observatory's basic operation is in geo-magnetism and seismology, it cooperates with other scientists and organizations in areas where the facility and personnel can be of service.

The observatory is one of three operated by the USGS in Alaska. The others are located at Barrow and

Geomagnetic latitude.....+64.6 Geomagnetic longitude.....+256.5° Elevation..................................200 meters

Selected Phenomena & Outstanding Magnetic Effects

Prior to January 1, 1976, the Normal & Rapid Run records were reviewed at the observatory for selected magnetic phenomena and the events identified were forwarded to the IUGG Commission on Magnetic Variations and Disturbances. This was discontinued on January 1, 1976, but a report on Outstanding Magnetic Effects is prepared monthly for this report.

Principal Magnetic Storms

Gradual and sudden commencement magnetic disturbances with at least one K-Index of 5 or greater, which are believed to be part of a world-wide disturbance, are classified as principal magnetic storms. The time of the storm beginning and ending; direction and amplitude of sudden commencements; period of maximum activity; and storm range are reported. Monthly reports of these data are forwarded to the World Data Center A in Boulder, Colorado.

Magnetogram Hourly Scalings

Magnetogram hourly scalings are averages for successive periods of one hour for the D, H, and Z elements. The value in the column headed "01" is the average for the hour beginning 0000 and ending 0100. Note that the values on the scaling sheets are in tenths of mm with the decimal point omitted. The user of these scalings should keep in mind that the tabular values are hourly means and if he is interested in the detailed morphology of the magnetic field, he should refer directly to the magnetograms.

Magnetograms

The normal magnetograms in this report are reproduced at about one-third the size of the originals. Preliminary base-line values and scale values adopted for use with the original magnetograms are included. For days when the magnetic field is too disturbed for the Normal magnetogram to be readable, Storm magnetograms are repro-

Absolutes, Base-lines, and Scale Values To determine the absolute value of the magnetic field from the hourly means or from point scalings the following equations should be used:

D=B_D+d·S_D; H=B_H+h·S_H; Z=B_Z+z·S_Z where D, H, and Z are absolute values; B_D , B_H and B_Z are base-line values; $\stackrel{n}{S_{H}}$ and $\stackrel{n}{S_{H}}$ are scale values; and d, h, and z are scalings in millimeters. NUAA FORM 76-133 U. S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (9-72) NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION

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COLLEGE, ALASKA

MAGNETIC ACTIVITY

(Greenwich civil time, counted from midnight to midnight)

MONTH AND YEAR MAY 1978

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DATE	00-03	03-06	60-90	09-12	12-15	91-P	18-21	21-24	SUM	_AK_	MAGNE	TOGRAMS 20 mm/hr
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K SCALE USED:	D	н	Z	
LOWER LIMIT FOR K = 9	683.8	321.7		(mm)
CURRENT SCALE VALUE	3.75	7.80		(γ/mm)
LOWER LIMIT FOR K = 9	2560	2510		(to nearest 10γ)

SCALINGS AND COMPUTATIONS HAVE BEEN CHECKED.

APPROVED JOHN B. TOWNSHEND, CHIEF, COLLEGE OBSERVATORY

OUTSTANDING MAGNETIC EFFECTS

OBSERVATORY

COLLEGE, ALASKA

MONTH

MAY

1978

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^{1.} NATURE OF PHENOMENON: ssc, ssc*, si, si*, b, bp, bs, bps, pcl, pc2 - - - pc5, pg, pi l, pi 2, sfe.

NOAA FORM 86-500 (11/73)

Data from Individual Observatories:

PRINCIPAL MAGNETIC STORMS

WDC-A FOR SOLAR-TERRESTRIAL PHYSICS ENVISONMENTAL DATA SERVICE, NOAA BOULDER, COLORADO SOSOS U.S.A.

COLLEGE OBSERVATORY, COLLEGE, ALASKA

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Z	0000 U.T., 5-1-78	2400 U.T., 5-31-78	48.6	3 8/mm	54022 8
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FORMAT FOR NORMAL & STORM MAGNETOGRAMS (SAMPLE ONLY)

