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GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

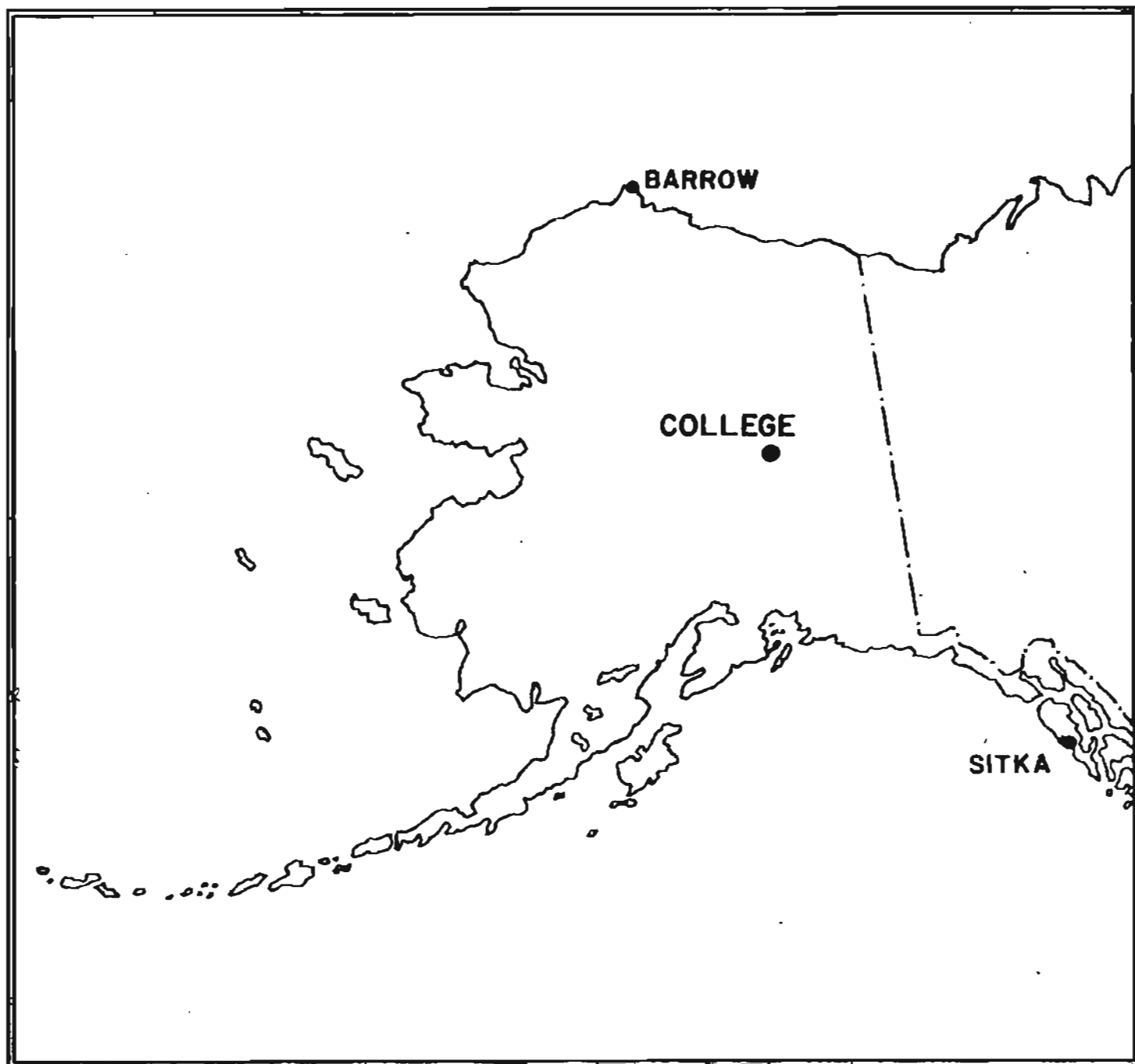
PRELIMINARY GEOMAGNETIC DATA

COLLEGE OBSERVATORY

FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

MARCH 1983

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# COLLEGE OBSERVATORY PRELIMINARY GEOMAGNETIC DATA

## EXPLANATION OF DATA AND REPORTS

### 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  
500 Yukon Drive  
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701

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

World Data Center A  
NOAA D63, 325 Broadway  
Boulder, Colorado 80303

### 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 geomagnetism 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 Sitka.

The position of the observatory site is:  
Geographic latitude.....64°51.6'N  
Geographic longitude.....147°50.2'W  
Geomagnetic latitude.....+64.6°  
Geomagnetic longitude.....+256.9°  
Elevation.....200 meters

### 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 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 10γ has been chosen so as not to 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	0
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 (10γ)

The Magnetic Daily Character Figure, C: To each Universal Day a character is assigned on the basis C=0, 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	C
0-11	0
11-30	1
30+	2

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

#### Selected Phenomena & Outstanding Magnetic Effects

Prior to January 1, 1976, the Normal and 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 γ 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 reproduced.

#### 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:

$$D = E_1 - d \cdot S_D; H = E_2 - h \cdot S_H; Z = E_3 - z \cdot S_Z$$

where D, H and Z are absolute values;

$E_1$ ,  $E_2$  and  $E_3$  are base-line values;

$S_D$ ,  $S_H$  and  $S_Z$  are scale values;

and d, h and z are scalings in millimeters.

**MAGNETIC ACTIVITY**

(Greenwich civil time, counted from midnight to midnight)

MONTH AND YEAR

MARCH 1983

DATE	K-INDICES								SUM	AK	TIME SCALE ON MAGNETOGRAMS  20 mm/hr
	00-03	03-06	06-09	09-12	12-15	15-18	18-21	21-24			
1	3	3	2	2	4	3	3	3	23	15	SUDDEN COMMENCEMENTS d h m
2	4	5	7	7	6	6	5	4	44	74	
3	3	3	5	7	5	6	4	3	36	49	
4	4	3	4	4	6	3	3	3	30	28	
5	3	4	4	7	4	6	3	4	35	45	
6	3	2	0	0	2	2	2	1	12	06	
7	2	2	1	3	3	0	0	1	12	06	
8	1	0	1	3	5	4	2	1	17	13	
9	2	2	2	2	0	2	2	0	12	05	
10	0	0	1	2	0	2	3	1	09	04	
11	3	1	2	4	6	3	4	4	27	25	
12	3	2	3	6	6	7	6	5	38	58	
13	3	4	4	6	6	3	3	3	32	34	
14	2	3	6	5	6	4	3	3	32	36	
15	2	3	3	6	5	5	3	2	29	29	
16	2	2	2	5	6	1	1	2	21	20	
17	2	3	4	5	1	1	1	1	18	14	
18	1	1	2	2	2	6	5	4	23	23	
19	5	4	5	5	6	4	4	2	35	39	
20	3	5	5	4	6	6	4	4	37	44	
21	3	3	2	4	3	4	2	2	23	15	
22	3	3	3	3	4	4	2	1	23	16	
23	2	3	4	4	4	4	1	1	23	17	
24	1	3	4	4	3	2	2	2	21	14	
25	3	4	6	7	7	5	5	3	40	64	
26	4	3	1	1	1	2	2	2	16	09	
27	0	0	0	1	2	1	1	1	06	02	
28	1	3	3	4	6	7	5	4	33	44	
29	4	5	4	6	4	6	5	3	37	44	
30	3	4	5	6	5	6	3	3	35	41	
31	4	4	3	6	5	3	4	3	32	32	

POSSIBLE SOLAR-FLARE  
EFFECTS BASED ON  
INSPECTION OF GRAMS  
ALONE (WITHOUT  
REFERENCE TO DATA  
FROM OTHER SOURCES)

BEGIN

END

d

h

m

d

h

m

K SCALE USED:

LOWER LIMIT FOR K = 9.....

CURRENT SCALE VALUE.....

LOWER LIMIT FOR K = 9.....

D

683.8

3.73

2550

H

321.7

7.77

2500

Z

(mm)

(γ/mm)

(to nearest 10γ)

SCALINGS AND COMPUTATIONS HAVE BEEN CHECKED.

APPROVED JOHN B. TOWNSEND, CHIEF, COLLEGE OBSERVATORY  
OBSERVER IN CHARGE

OUTSTANDING MAGNETIC EFFECTS

OBSERVATORY  
COLLEGE, ALASKA

MONTH  
MARCH

YEAR  
1983

DATE	TIME U.T.	NATURE OF PHENOMENON <sup>1</sup>	REMARKS
06	16XX	pc5	
10	19XX	pc5	
26	17XX	pc5	
27	09XX	pi2	With small bay.
IDENTIFIED BY: JEP		VERIFIED BY: EAS	

1. NATURE OF PHENOMENON: ssc, ssc\*, si, si\*, b, bp, bs, bps, pc1, pc2 - - - pc5, pg, pi 1, pi 2, sfe.

NOAA FORM 86-500  
(11/73)

PRINCIPAL MAGNETIC STORMS  
COLLEGE OBSERVATORY, COLLEGE, ALASKA  
MARCH 19 83

WDC-A FOR SOLAR-TERRRESTRIAL PHYSICS  
ENVIRONMENTAL DATA SERVICE, NOAA  
BOULDER, COLORADO 80508 U.S.A.

Data from Individual Observatories:

Obs. 2 letter IAGA code	Geomag. lat.	Commencement		SC - amplitudes		Max. 3 hr - index K		Ranges			UT End day hr			
		day	hr min (UT)	type	D(')	H(Y)	Z(Y)	day	(3 hr - period)	K		D(')	H(Y)	Z(Y)
CO	64°6 N	01	19XX	..	..	..	..	02	3, 4	7	296	1850	1390	
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								05	4	7				
		12	07XX	..	..	..	..	12	6	7	362	1550	1050	
								18	6	6				
								19	5	6				
		18	15XX	..	..	..	..	18	6	6	230	1500	820	
								20	5, 6	6				
								25	4, 5	7	229	1460	860	26 05
		24	19XX	..	..	..	..	28	6	7	424	1910	1040	APR 01 21
		28	04XX	..	..	..	..	28	6	7	424	1910	1040	APR 01 21

NORMAL MAGNETOGRAPH					
COMPONENT	PERIOD		CALIBRATION		
	FROM	TO	SCALE VALUE	BASELINE	
D	0000 U.T., 3-1-83	2400 U.T., 3-31-83	1.0/mm	3.78/mm	27° 46.8 E
H	0000 U.T., 3-1-83	2400 U.T., 3-31-83	7.88/mm		127508
Z	0000 U.T., 3-1-83	2400 U.T., 3-31-83	7.78/mm		551548

STORM MAGNETOGRAPH					
COMPONENT	PERIOD		CALIBRATION		
	FROM	TO	SCALE VALUE	BASELINE	
D	0000 U.T., 3-1-83	2400 U.T., 3-31-83	7.9/mm	29.68/mm	23° 43.1 E
H	0000 U.T., 3-1-83	2400 U.T., 3-31-83	43.98/mm		114968
Z	0000 U.T., 3-1-83	2400 U.T., 3-31-83	48.48/mm		540868

RAPID RUN MAGNETOGRAPH				
COMPONENT	PERIOD		CALIBRATION	
	FROM	TO	SCALE VALUE	
D				
H				
Z				

MONTHLY MEAN ABSOLUTE VALUES*		
D	H	Z
27° 54.1 E	129458	553878

\* COMPUTED FROM TEN QUIETEST DAYS DURING MONTH.

DAYS USED: MAR 1, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 17, 24, 26, 27

MAGNETOGRAM HOURLY SCALINGS  
(CONVERTED TIME)

Values are in units of  $\mu V$  and the percentage for successive periods of one hour beginning at midnight. Year 01 of hour day 130 M.T.S. is hour 13 at the 0800 universal day.

U.S. AGENCY OF AIRLINE INFORMATION  
Langley Research Center, Washington, D.C. 22904  
Name: Edward Charles Bremer, Jr. 10 1971

C	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	YEAR	MONTH	DAY	SCALE	U.S. AGENCY	
01	29	36	-29	-41	40	-19	48	63	84	67	63	67	67	102	111	158	192	258	326	258	297	82	45	95	101	83	101	2313			
02	51	24	22	74	-70	201	299	-288	304	-18	10	148	148	256	617	537	332	307	451	188	76	188	128	25	110	2024					
03	70	46	1	-20	18	-11	38	222	58	42	46	45	45	145	128	218	122	88	226	213	122	89	64	94	114	2112					
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29	27	10	-120	-59	38	-100	186	35	-24	-114	35	-19	-19	195	114	148	378	60	94	283	50	44	59	79	-6	841					
30	8	-7	-10	-13	44	-14	-29	96	18	-85	-52	-52	-52	71	70	202	394	-75	122	165	121	41	12	37	43	1109					
31	49	-14	8	-86	81	34	59	33	-20	44	123	71	71	108	139	114	120	148	140	192	213	-22	-5	56	43	1628					

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 02 Significant portion of hour interpolated.  
 03 No record; no values available because of faulty record.  
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 Baseline Value: \_\_\_\_\_

MONTHLY SUM: 54613  
 MONTHLY MEAN: 73  
 DATE WITH DATA:



1000 FT. 1000

MAGNETOGRAM HOURLY SCALINGS (UNIVERSAL TIME)

Values are in tenths of mm. and are averages for successive periods of one hour beginning at midnight. Hour 01 of next day ( 150 M.T. ) is hour 11 of the same universal day.

Table with columns for C, S, D, M, H, and 24 hours of data (01-24). Rows contain numerical values for each hour.

Scale Value, Base-line Value, Interval Registering, Preliminary base-line and scale values: C 77, 77C; S 22, 22C; D 22, 22C; M 22, 22C; H 22, 22C.

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MAGNETOGRAM HOURLY SCALLINGS

Values are in units of sun and air averages for successive periods of one hour beginning at midnight. (Universal Time) Negative values are in red, with minus signs before.

Table with columns for Day (C, 0, 1-31), Hour (00-24), and Year (83). Rows contain numerical data for magnetic field measurements. Includes a 'SCALE' column on the right.

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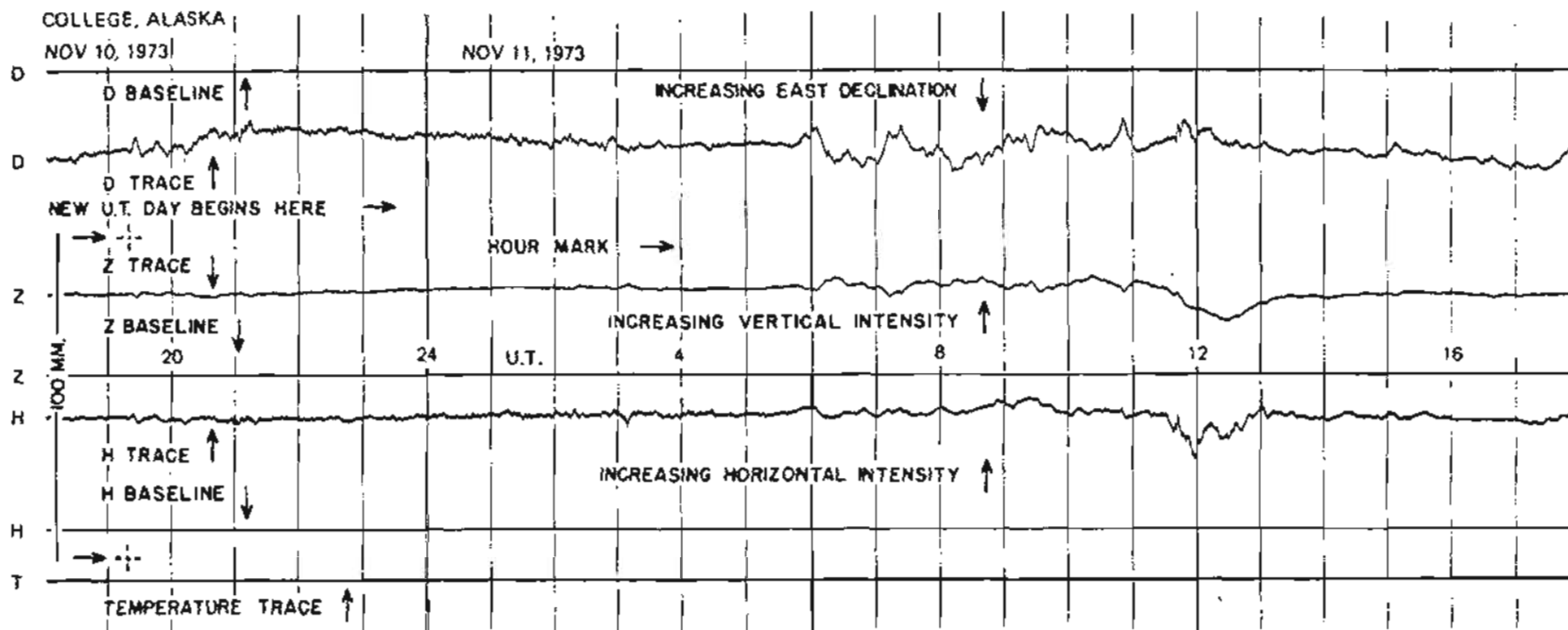
MONTHLY MEAN  
YEAR 83  
MONTH MAR

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Scale Value
Base-line Value
Preliminary base-line and zero values.

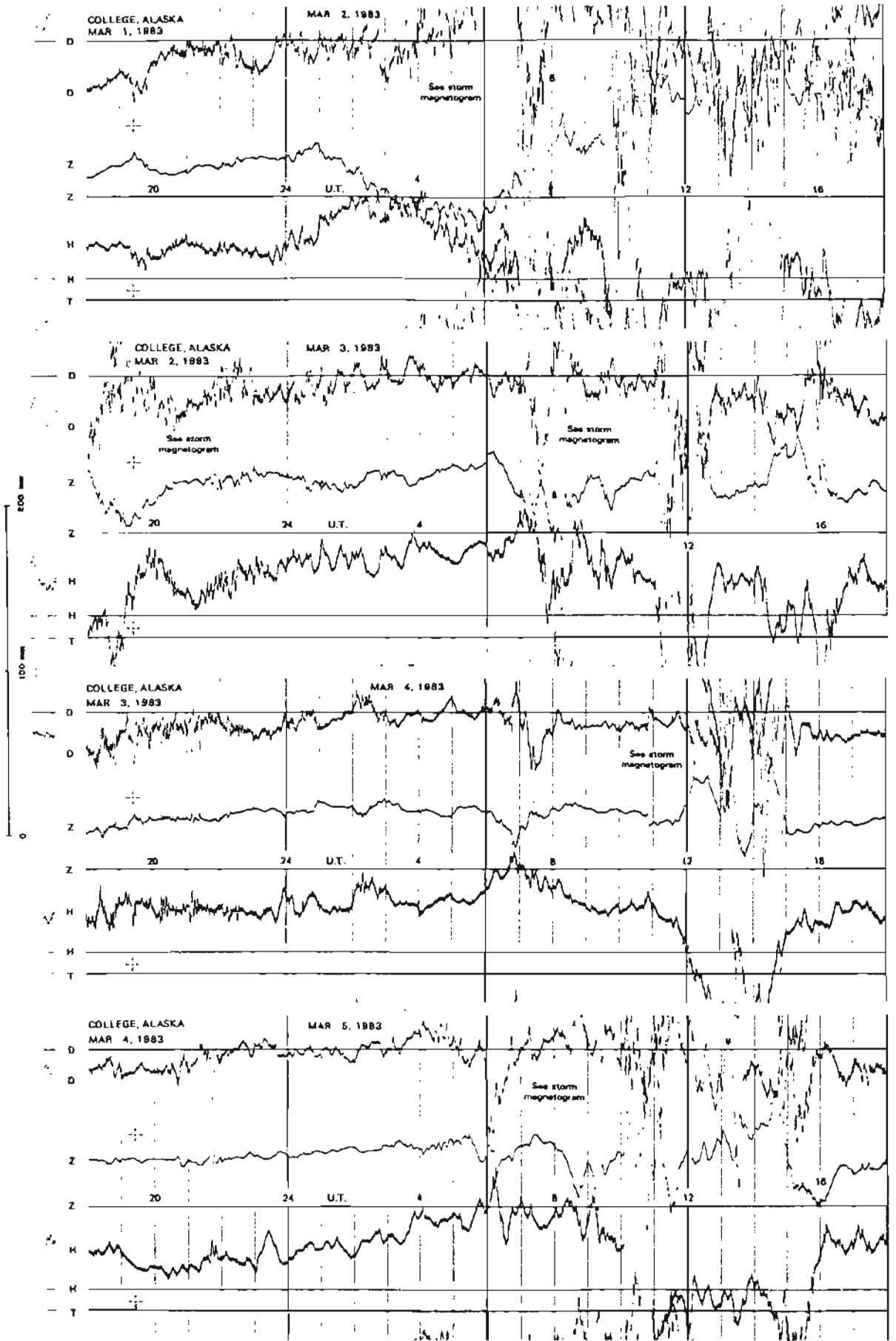
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# FORMAT FOR NORMAL & STORM MAGNETOGRAMS (SAMPLE ONLY)

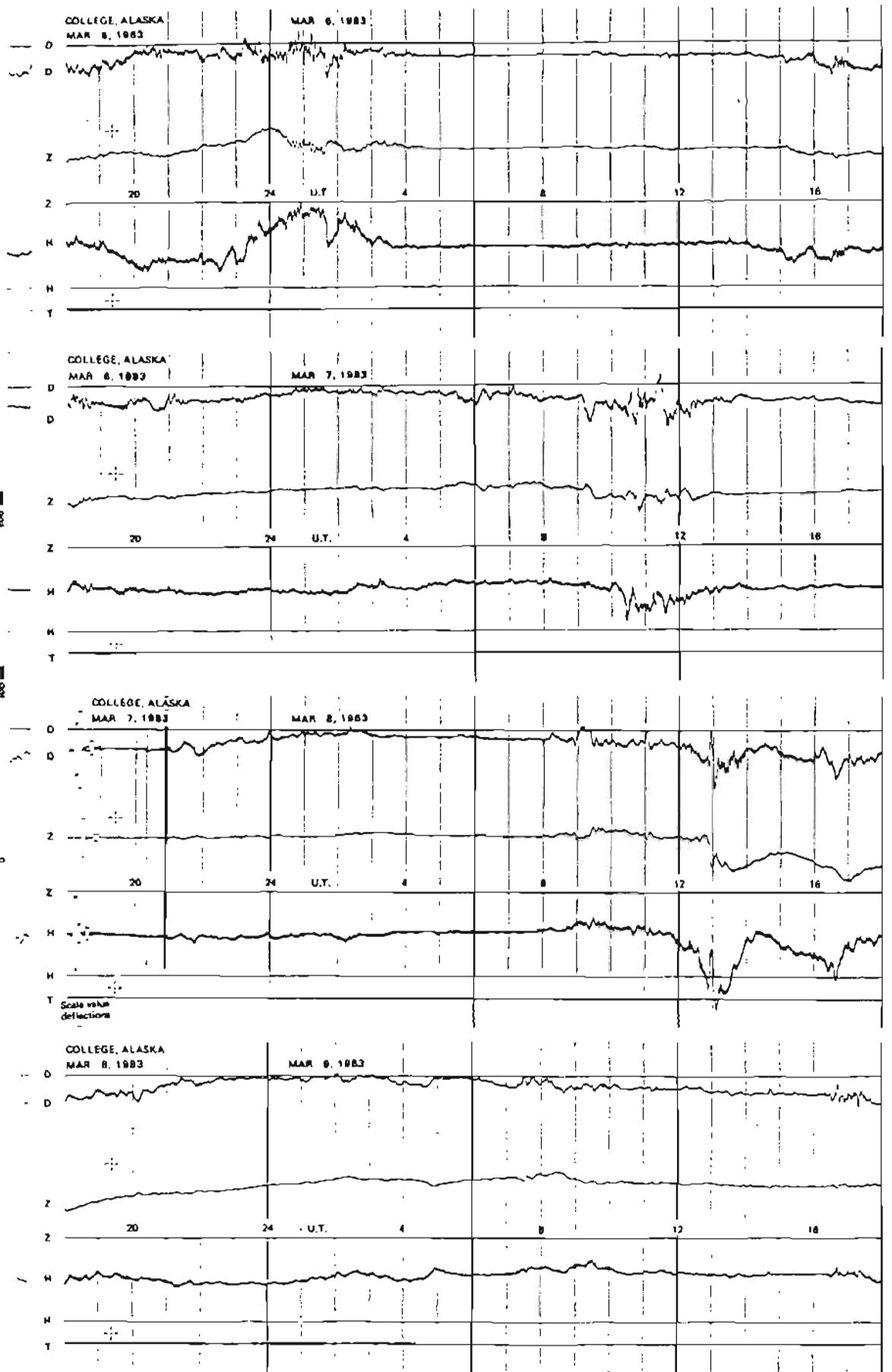


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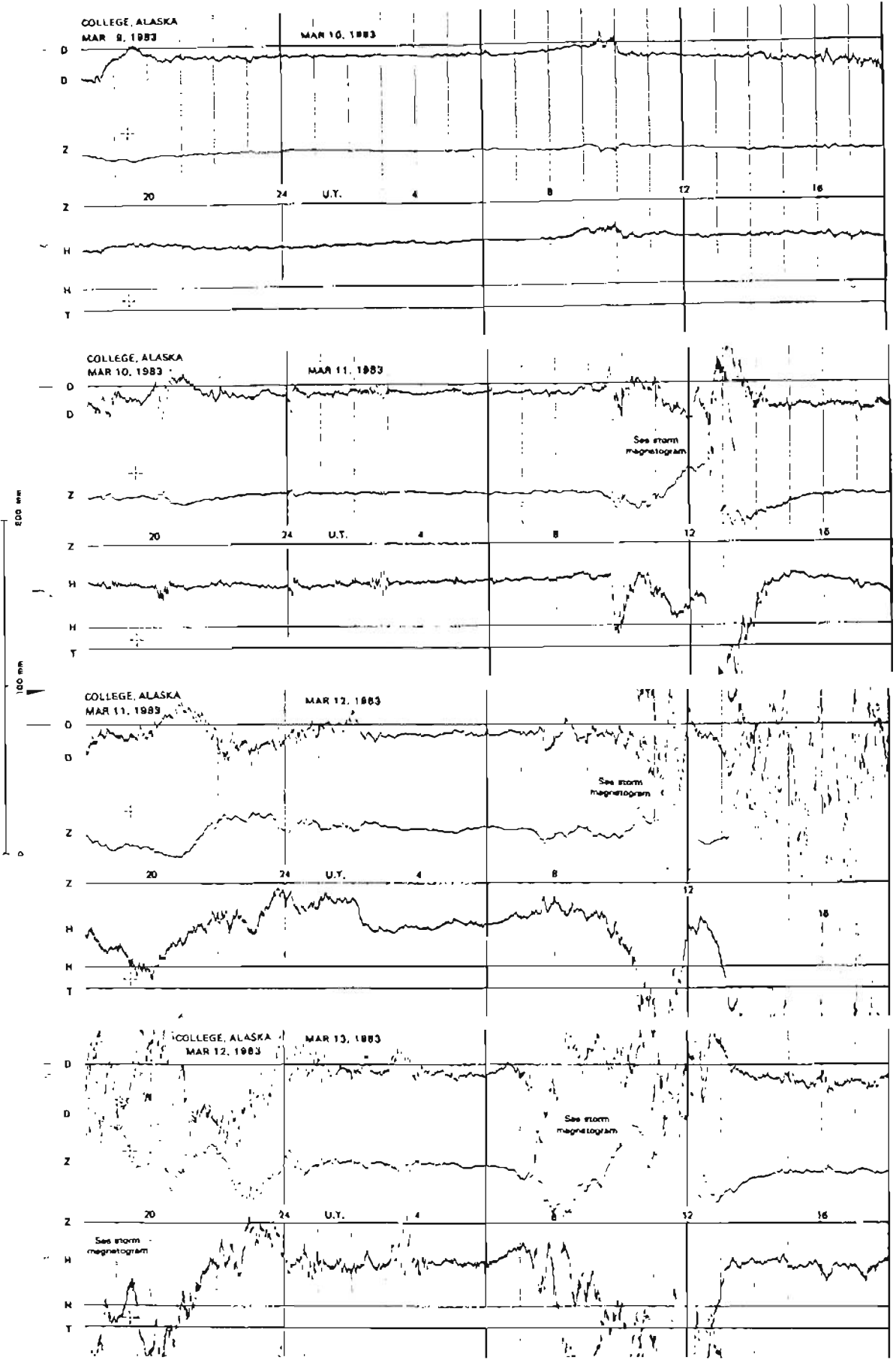
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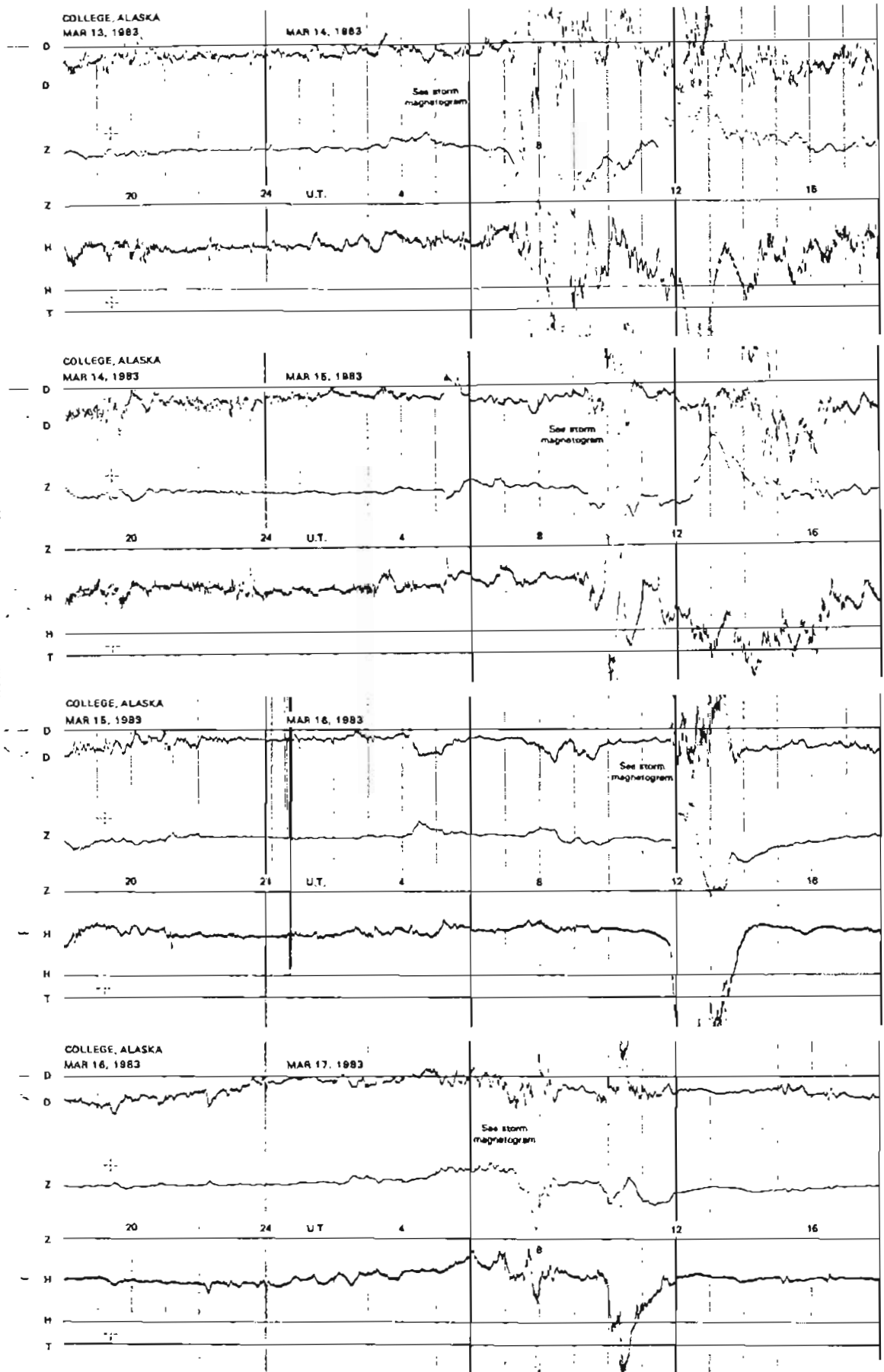
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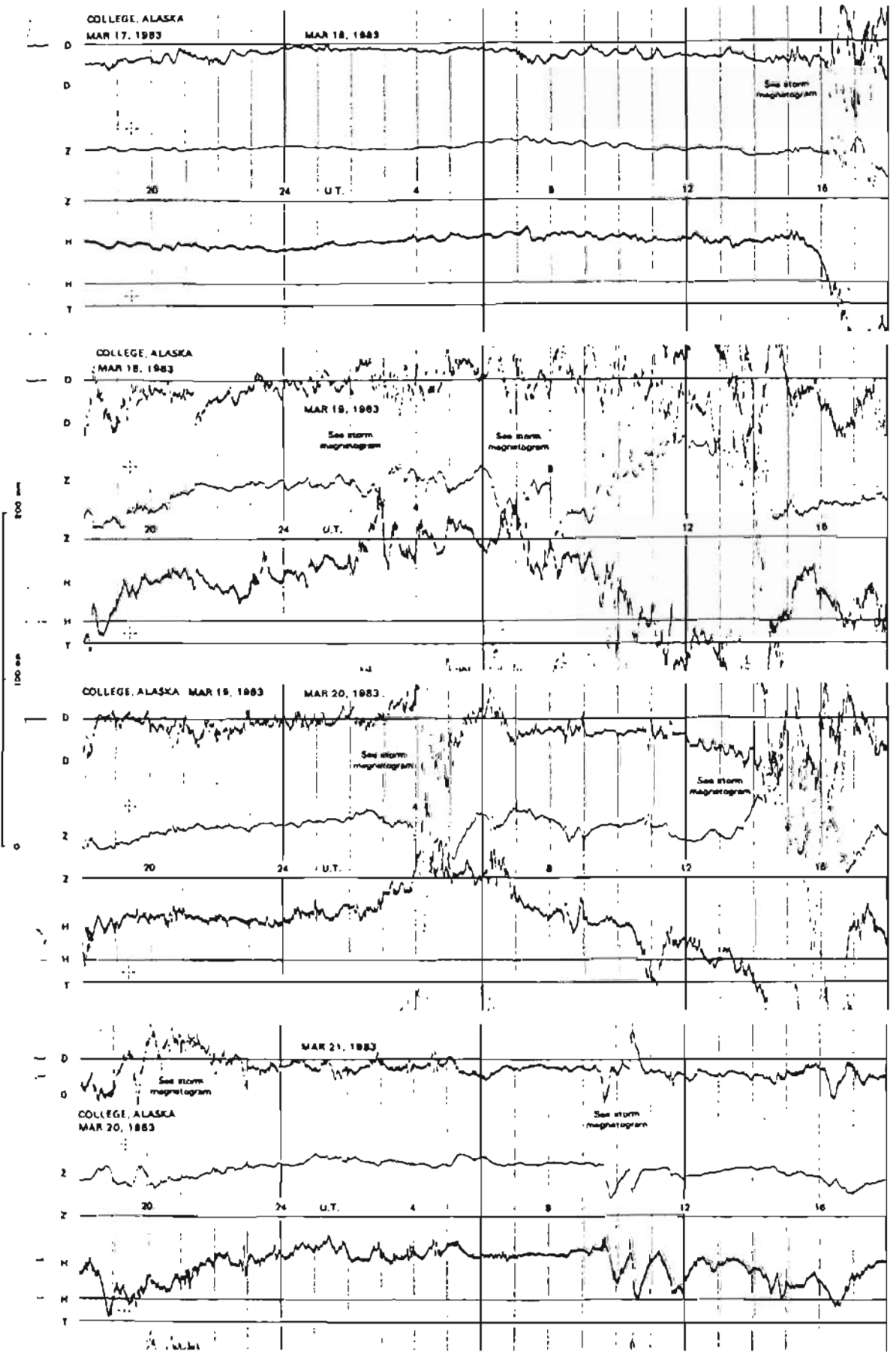
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NORMAL MAGNETOGRAMS

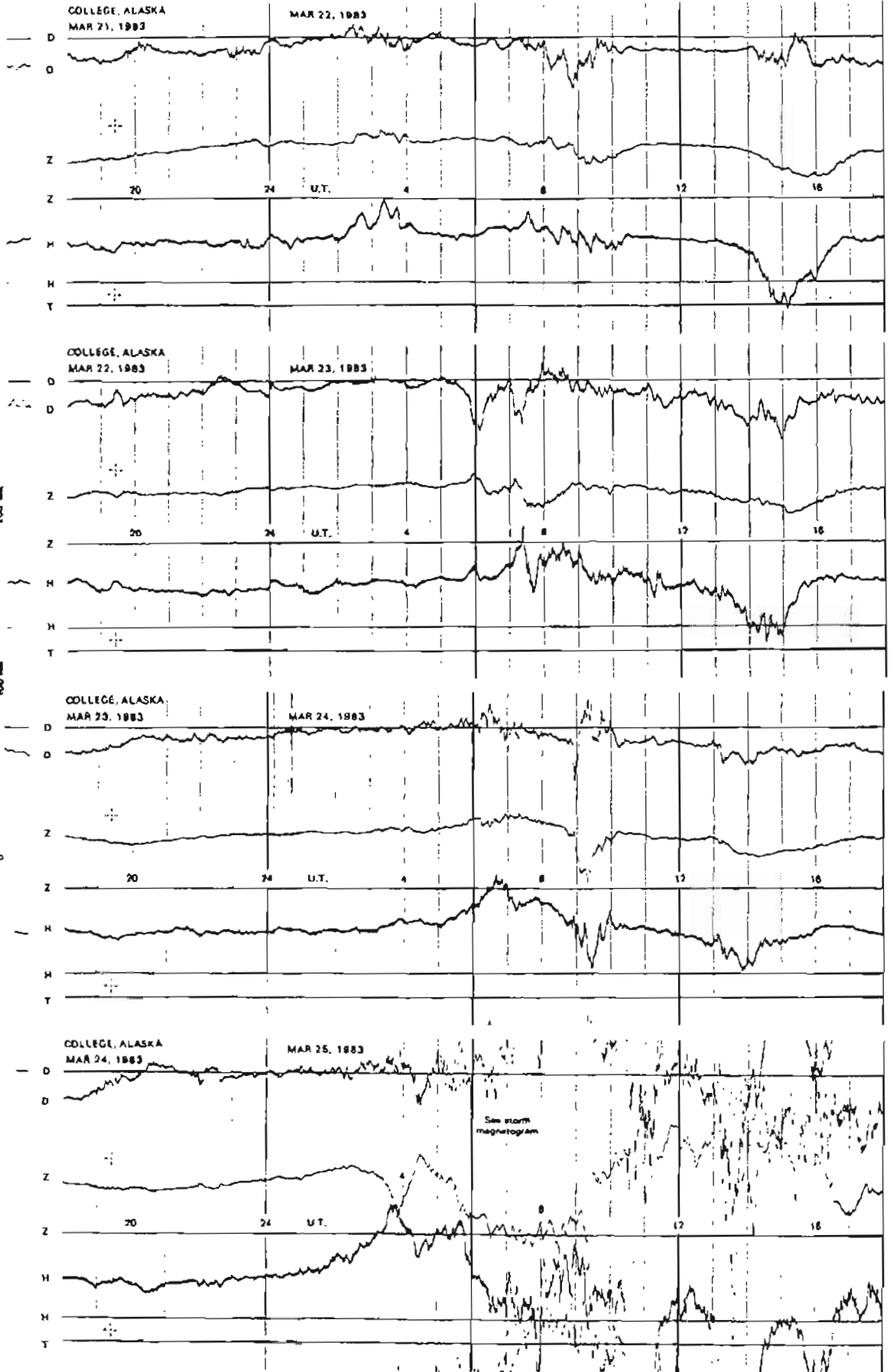


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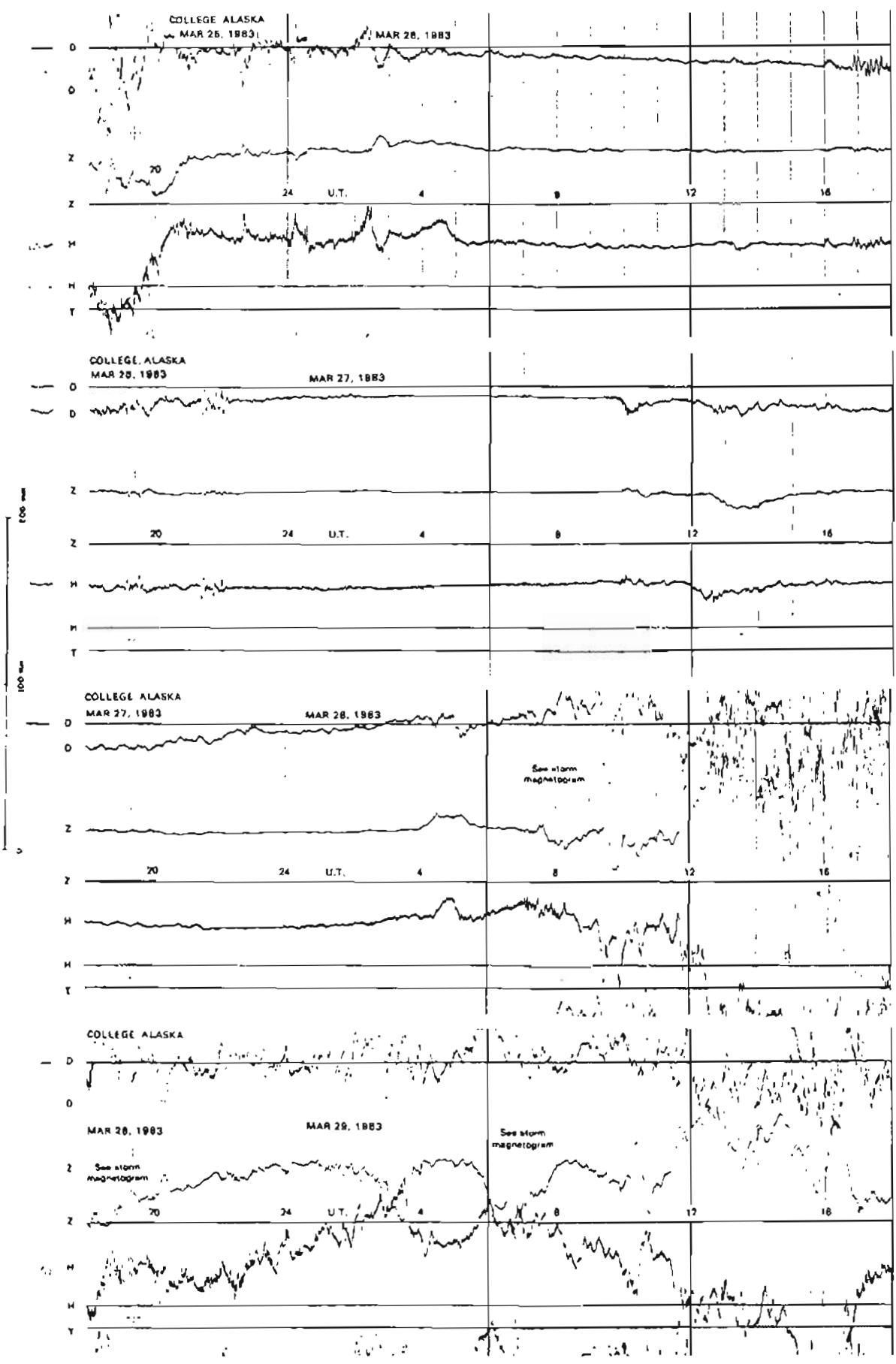




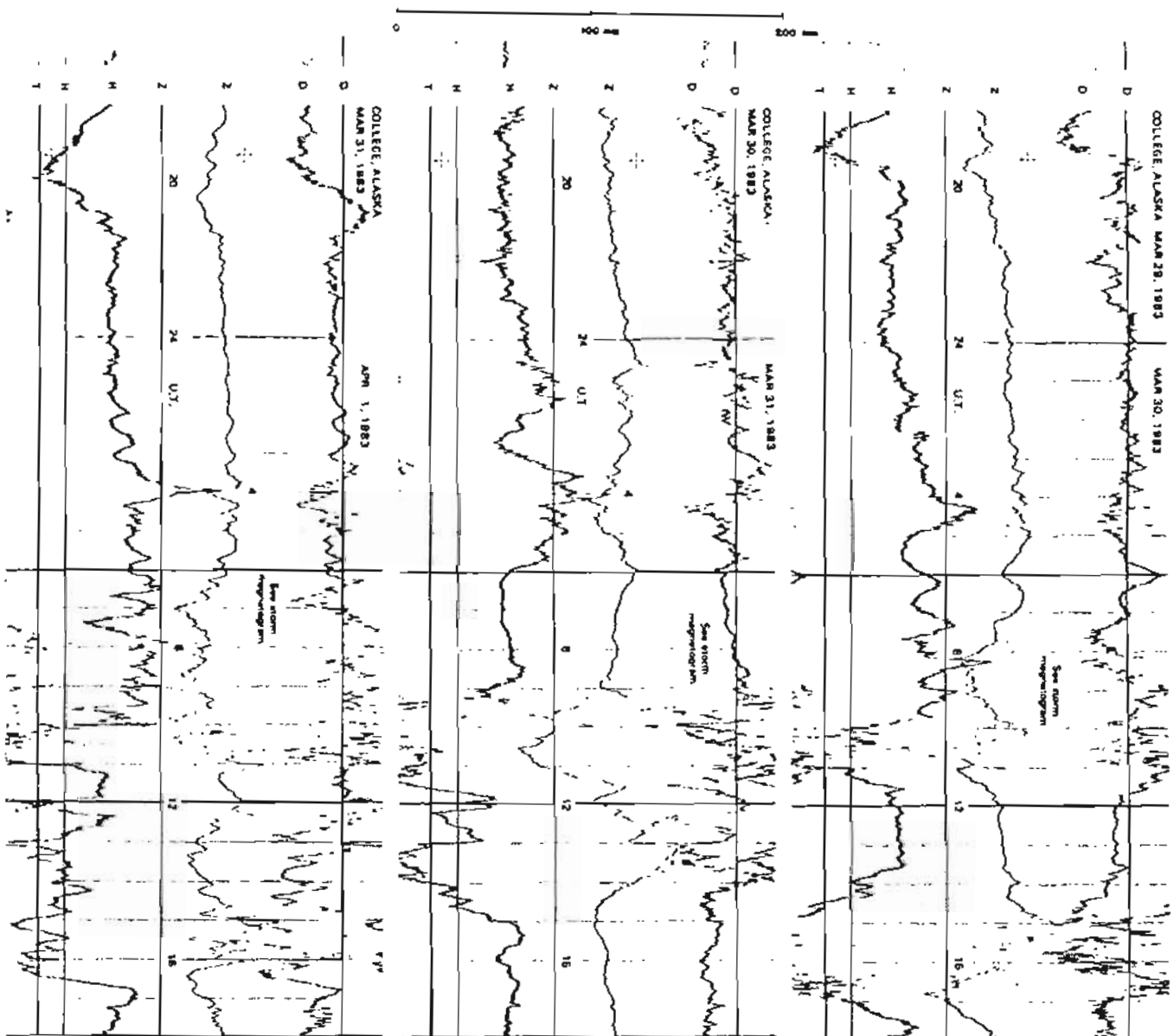
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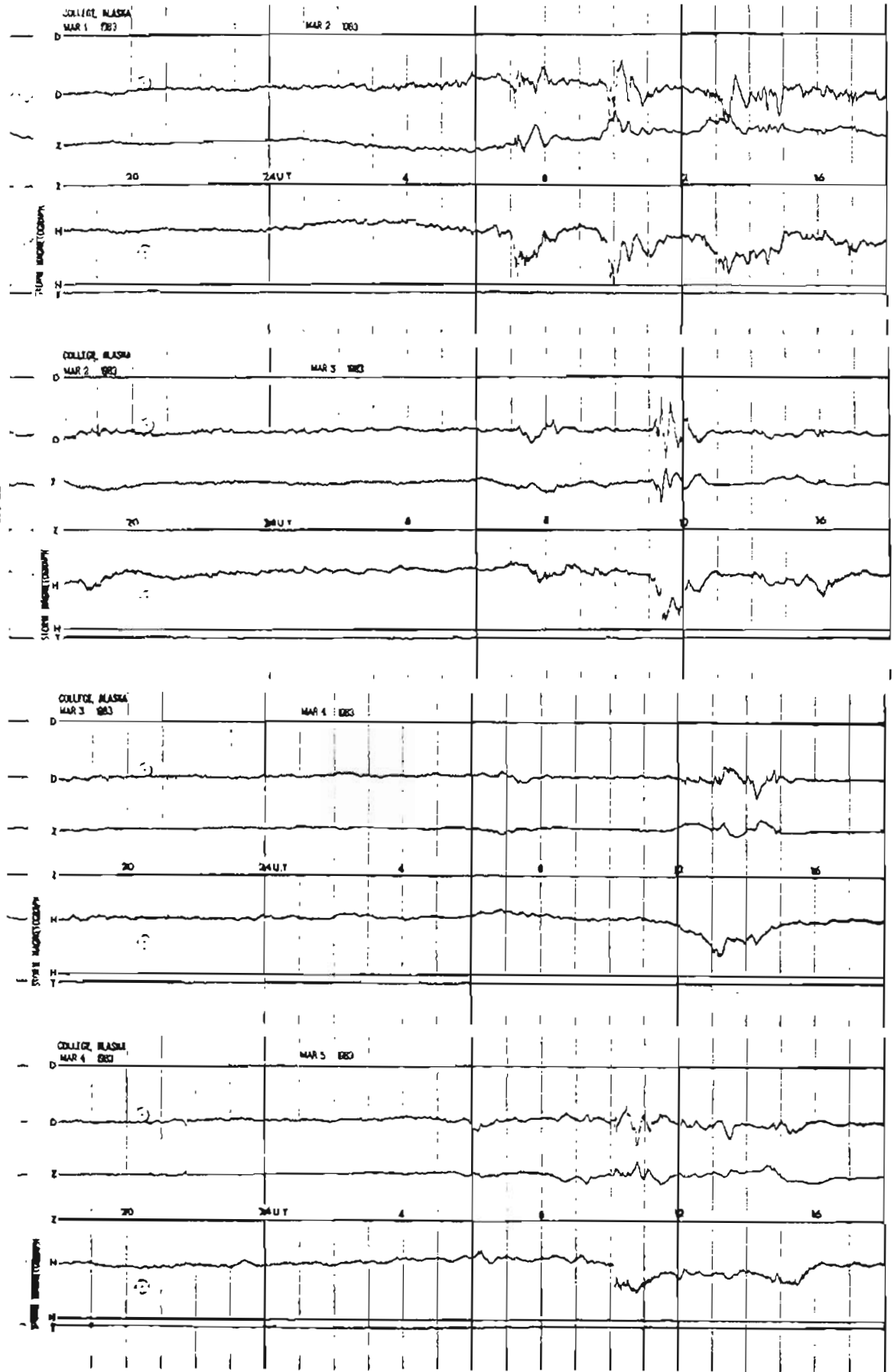
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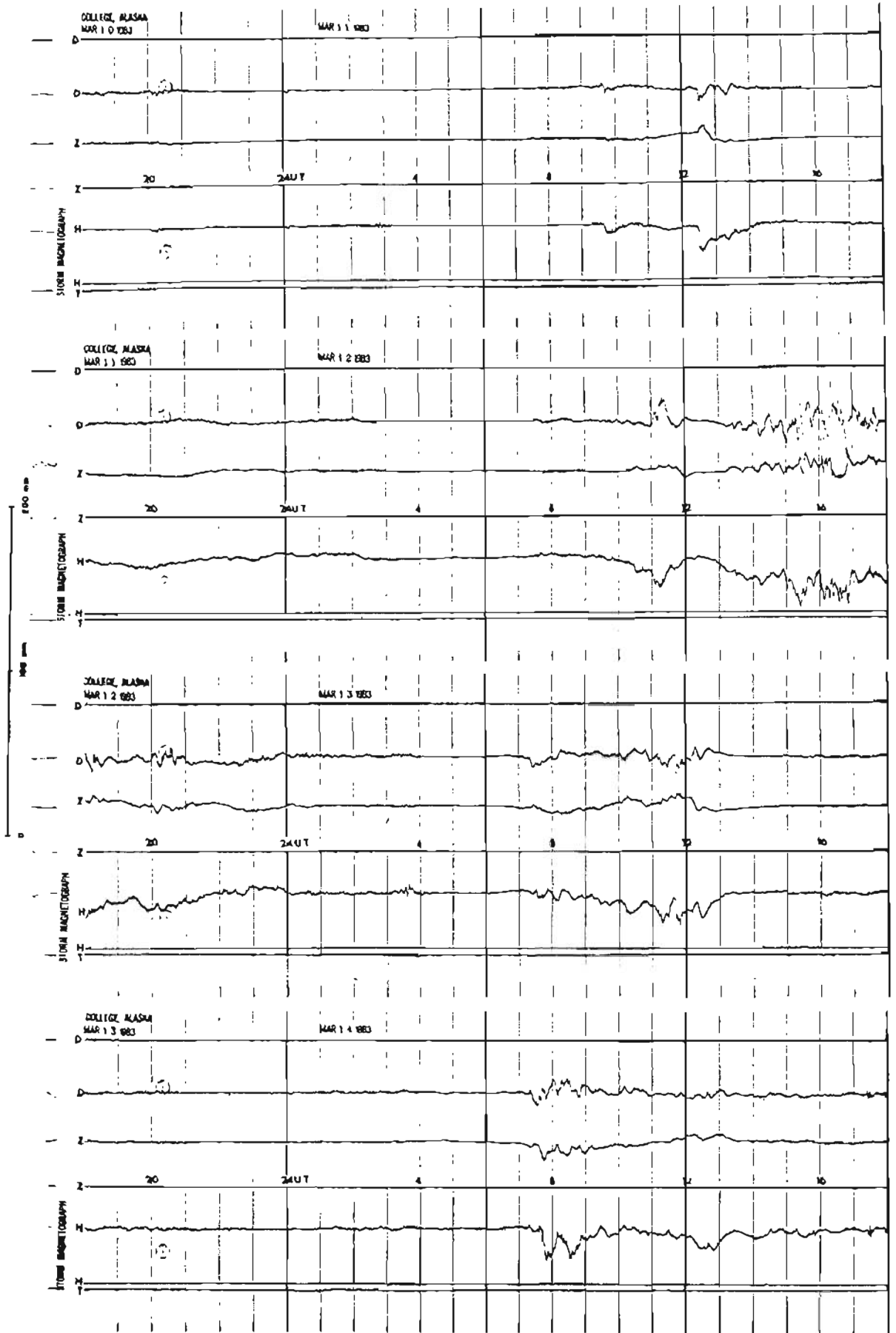
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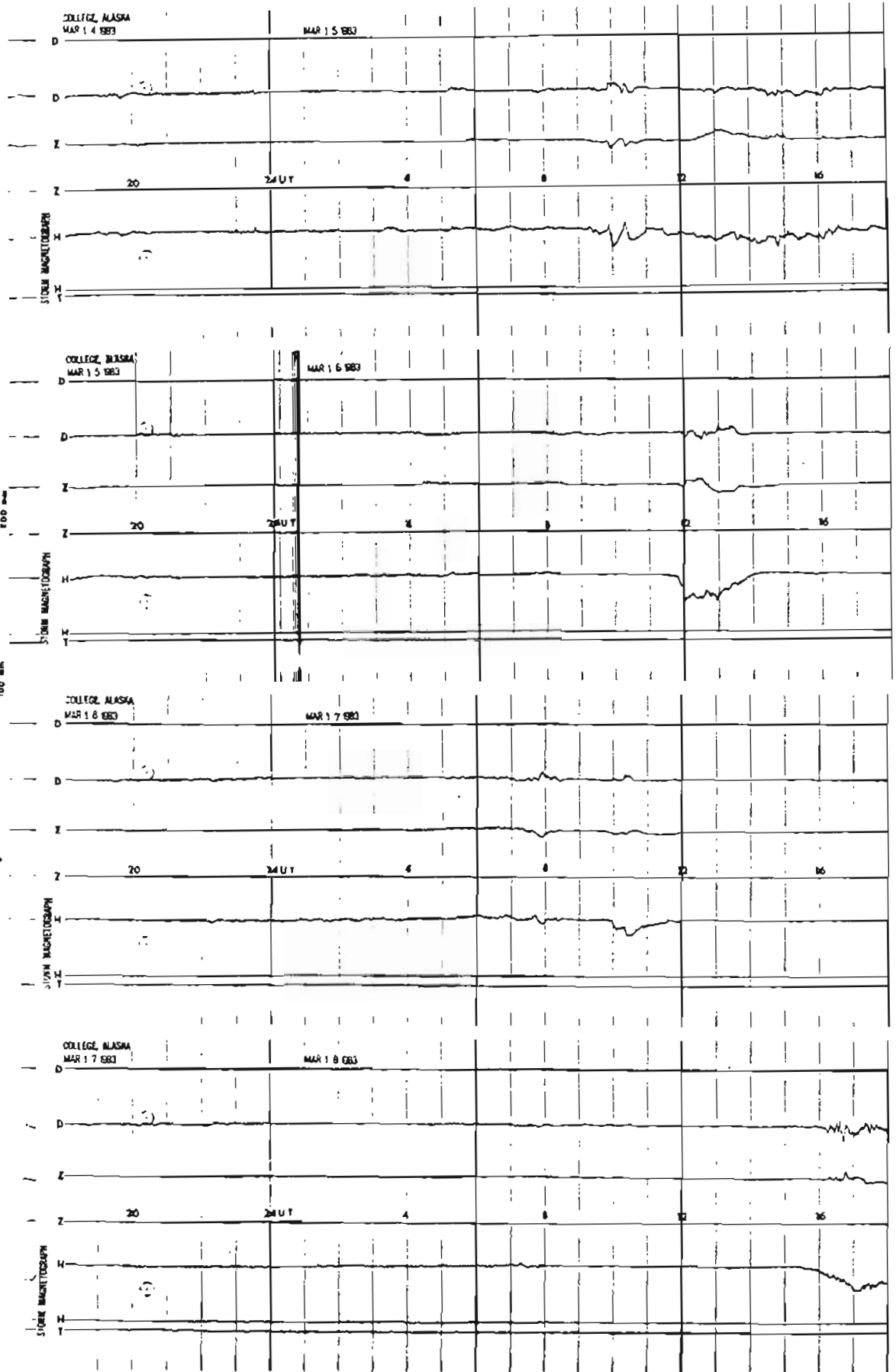
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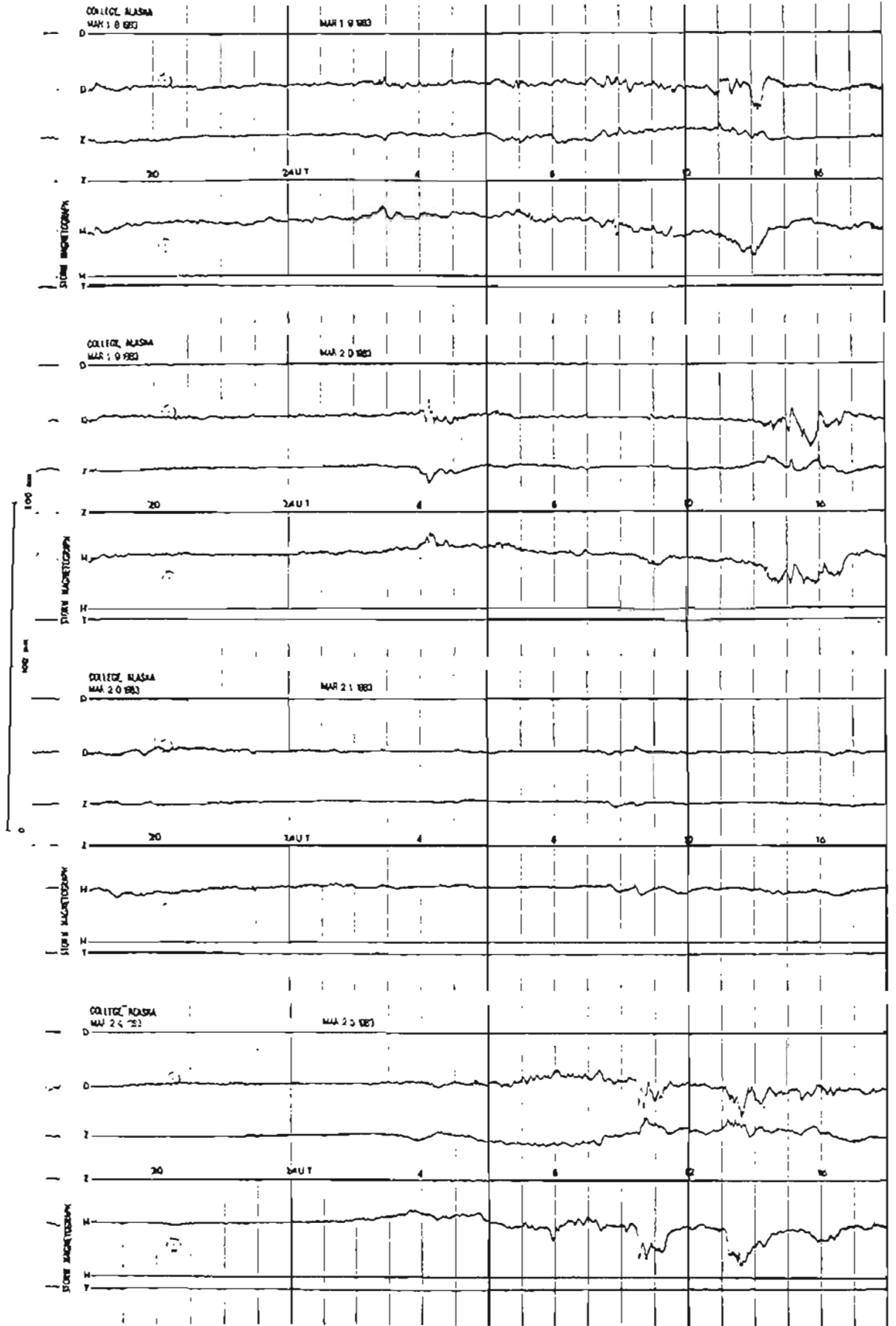
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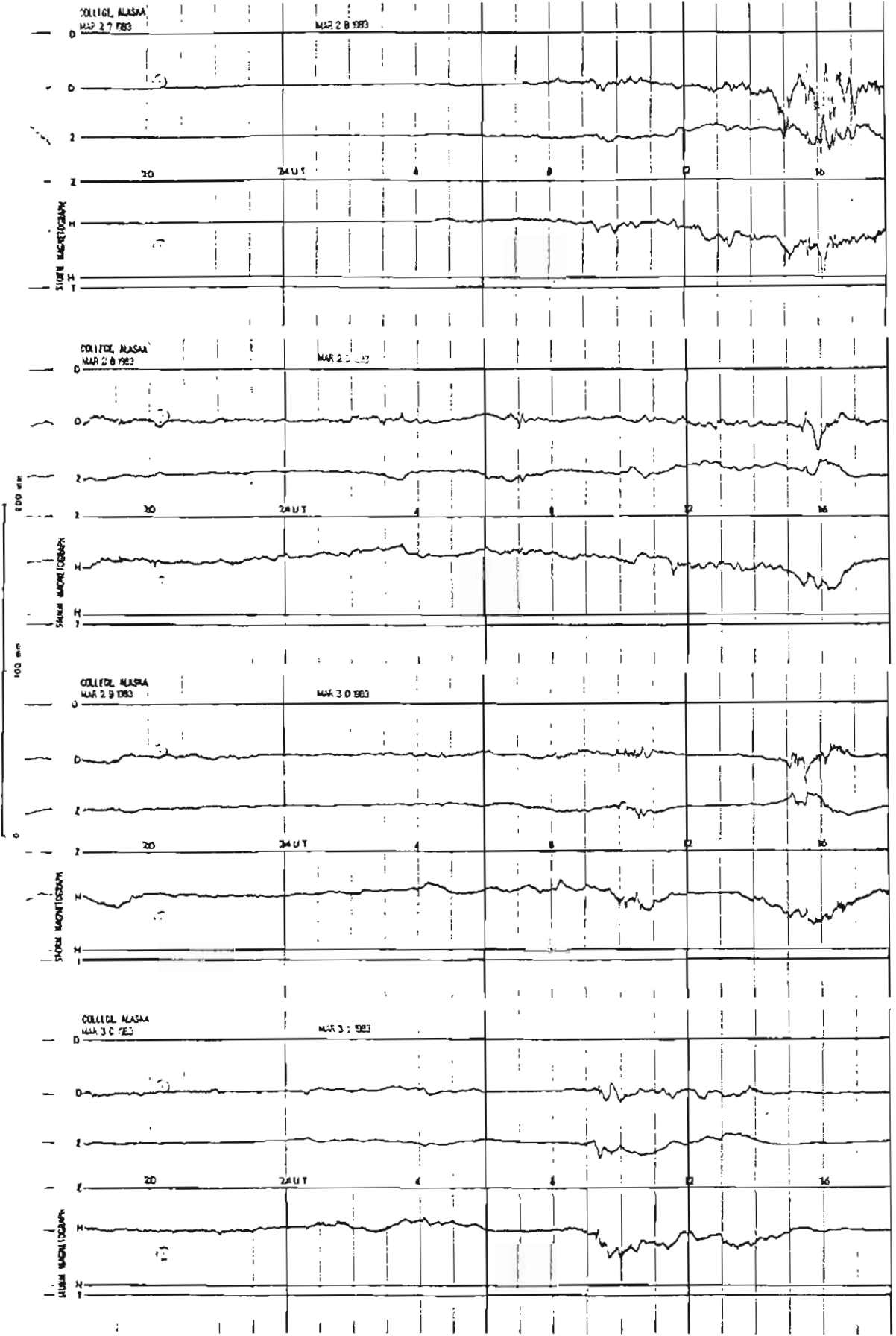
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