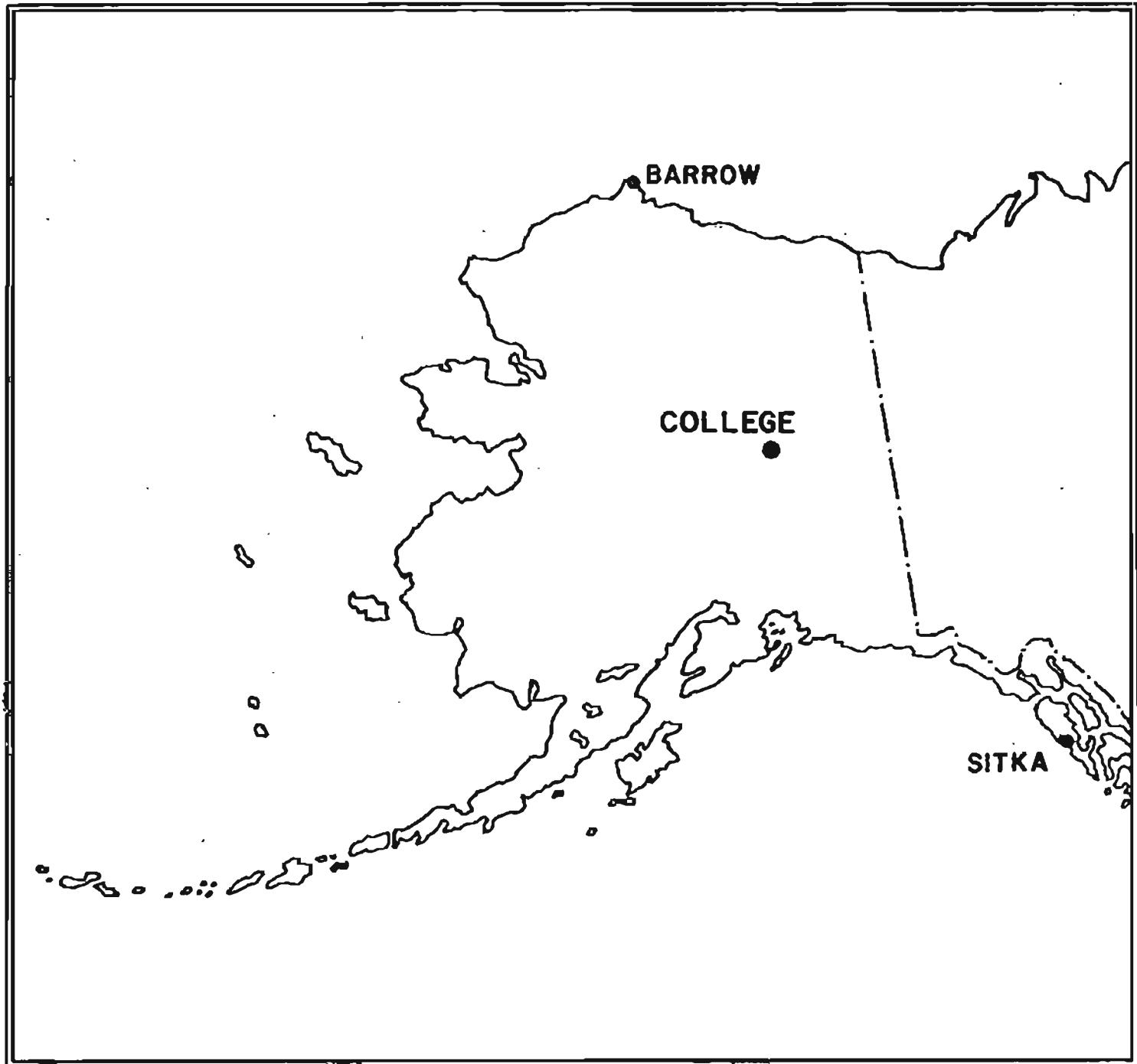


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PRELIMINARY GEOMAGNETIC DATA
COLLEGE OBSERVATORY
FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

DECEMBER 1984

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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
800 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.....+256.5°
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 10Y 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 (10Y)

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 ~ 50	1
50+	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 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 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:

$$D = B_D \cdot d \cdot S_D; H = B_H \cdot h \cdot S_H; Z = B_Z \cdot z \cdot S_Z$$

where D, H and Z are absolute values;

B_D , B_H and B_Z 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)

OBSERVATORY

COLLEGE, ALASKA

MONTH AND YEAR

DECEMBER 1984

DATE	K-INDICES								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	4	3	5	4	1	2	2	24	19	SUDDEN COMMENCEMENTS d h m		
2	3	4	5	4	4	5	4	2	31	28			
3	3	3	4	5	5	6	4	3	33	34			
4	3	2	5	6	4	6	3	4	33	37			
5	3	3	5	6	4	4	3	3	31	30			
6	3	4	3	5	6	5	3	3	32	33			
7	3	3	2	4	5	5	3	2	27	23			
8	2	2	1	4	2	1	0	0	12	07			
9	1	0	0	2	0	1	1	1	06	02			
10	1	1	1	3	5	2	2	1	16	11			
11	0	1	0	4	6	5	3	5	24	28	POSSIBLE SOLAR-FLARE EFFECTS BASED ON INSPECTION OF GRAMS ALONE (WITHOUT REFERENCE TO DATA FROM OTHER SOURCES)		
12	4	3	2	5	4	2	1	1	22	17			
13	3	4	4	6	6	4	3	3	33	36			
14	0	1	1	4	5	5	1	2	19	17			
15	2	1	4	5	6	3	3	4	28	28			
16	3	4	5	6	5	5	5	5	38	45			
17	4	3	6	6	6	6	5	3	39	53			
18	3	3	4	5	5	4	2	2	28	24			
19	1	1	3	4	5	1	1	1	17	13			
20	0	1	0	1	2	3	1	0	08	04			
21	0	1	2	4	5	2	2	2	18	13	BEGIN d h m		
22	2	1	1	3	2	3	2	2	16	08			
23	2	2	2	6	4	3	1	1	21	19			
24	0	0	1	2	1	1	0	0	05	02			
25	1	2	4	2	0	0	0	0	09	06			
26	1	4	5	7	5	5	4	4	35	46			
27	2	0	0	2	6	4	3	4	21	20			
28	4	2	5	5	5	6	3	4	34	38			
29	3	3	2	6	4	4	4	3	29	27			
30	3	3	4	6	6	3	4	3	32	34			
31	3	2	2	6	6	5	4	3	31	35	END d h m		

K SCALE USED: LOWER LIMIT FOR K = 9.....	D	H	Z	(mm) (Y/mm) (to nearest 10Y)
	675.7	322.2		
	3.72	7.83		
	2510	2520		

SCALINGS AND COMPUTATIONS HAVE BEEN CHECKED.

APPROVED JOHN B. TOWNSHEND, CHIEF, COLLEGE OBSERVATORY

OBSERVER IN CHARGE

OUTSTANDING MAGNETIC EFFECTS			OBSERVATORY COLLEGE, ALASKA
			MONTH DECEMBER
DATE	TIME U.T.	NATURE OF PHENOMENON ¹	REMARKS
13	0100	ssc*	
19	17xx	pc3,pc4,pc5	Mixed
20	14xx	pi 2	
22	2119	si*	

IDENTIFIED BY: JEP

VERIFIED BY: JBT

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

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PRINCIPAL MAGNETIC STORMS

Data from Individual Observatories: COLLEGE OBSERVATORY, COLLEGE, ALASKA
DECEMBER 1984

WOC-A FOR SOLAR-TERRESTRIAL PHYSICS
ENVIRONMENTAL DATA SERVICE, NOAA
BOULDER, COLORADO 80303 U.S.A.

Obs. 2 letter IAEA 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	13	0100	s.c.*	+7	+106	+14	13	4, 5	6	86	950	420	13	22
		15	18XX	..	..	..	..	16	4	6	239	1290	760	19	00
		26	02XX	..	..	..	..	26	4	7	190	1400	610	27	02

COLLEGE OBSERVATORY, COLLEGE, ALASKA -- PRELIMINARY CALIBRATION DATA FOR:

DECEMBER

1984

NORMAL MAGNETOGRAPH

COMPONENT	PERIOD		CALIBRATION	
	FROM	TO	SCALE VALUE	BASELINE
D	0000 U.T. 12-1-84	2400 U.T. 12-31-84	1.07/mm	3.78/mm
				27° 16.8 E
B	0000 U.T. 12-1-84	2400 U.T. 12-31-84	7.85/mm	126678
Z	0000 U.T. 12-1-84	2400 U.T. 12-31-84	7.68/mm	551818
	0000 U.T. 12-12-84	2400 U.T. 12-31-84	"	551868

STORM MAGNETOGRAPH

COMPONENT	PERIOD		CALIBRATION	
	FROM	TO	SCALE VALUE	BASELINE
D	0000 U.T. 12-1-84	2400 U.T. 12-31-84	7.9/mm	29.68/mm
				23° 44.0 E
B	0000 U.T. 12-1-84	2400 U.T. 12-31-84	43.98/mm	107798
Z	0000 U.T. 12-1-84	2400 U.T. 12-31-84	48.38/mm	540788

RAPID RUN MAGNETOGRAPH

COMPONENT	PERIOD		CALIBRATION	
	FROM	TO	SCALE VALUE	
D				
B				
Z				

MONTHLY MEAN ABSOLUTE VALUES*

D	B	Z
27° 42.6 E	129098	553548
* COMPUTED FROM TEN QUIETEST DAYS DURING MONTH.		
DAYS USED: DEC 8, 9, 10, 12, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25		

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MAGNETOGRAM HOURLY SCALINGS
(UNIVERSAL TIME)

Values are in units of mm., and are averages for successive periods of one hour beginning at midnight. Hour D1 of local day (3:35W, M.T.) is hour 09 of the same universal day.

B.I. MTA
Assessment Survey,
[redacted]

CREW	YEAR	MONTH	REG- IMENT
CO	84	DEC	D

C	Q	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	Sum	
		01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
		01	223	251	275	269	226	491	326	215	248	268	179	162	01	227	242	261	260
		02	239	210	235	204	221	235	329	292	312	262	220	202	02	278	252	320	381
		03	221	232	250	268	291	357	254	243	445	152	138	128	03	287	323	395	482
		04	219	210	232	260	261	235	235	607	230	238	107	35	04	281	277	340	528
		05	180	204	233	260	259	262	267	268	155	115	263	201	05	296	319	253	292
		06	241	258	261	266	263	340	329	317	250	322	183	230	06	272	361	393	275
		07	201	219	226	265	232	354	261	261	265	363	343	202	07	304	311	256	247
		08	213	235	246	263	248	310	263	271	278	268	230	187	08	238	257	269	277
		09	216	227	229	251	270	275	268	277	273	262	243	259	09	261	263	270	287
		10	220	229	267	270	277	343	270	267	273	262	212	237	10	203	283	310	276
		11	240	252	263	251	258	263	260	263	255	257	282	251	11	353	204	524	387
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		14	231	252	267	273	277	281	287	261	263	240	153	255	14	305	437	300	284
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		16	193	247	240	233	300	343	373	346	343	343	277	163	16	383	260	395	299
		17	234	273	283	254	263	360	277	300	257	-54	294	282	17	177	438	327	574
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Preliminary base-line and scale values

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[interval] Baseline

Scal
Value

63 Interpolated

Significant portion of

Significant portion of
time interpolated.

No record; or no values
available because of

~~Postcard from STORM - written on board a Merchant Ship~~

5.2 Section Summary

Scaling societal because
of magnetic storms.

<> Record off-shore for part
or all of down; if value is
given, curve was estimated
from distance.

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MONDAY, 10 AM 133,12

MONTHLY MEAT

ORGANIC COMPOUNDS

MAGNETOERGONOMICS

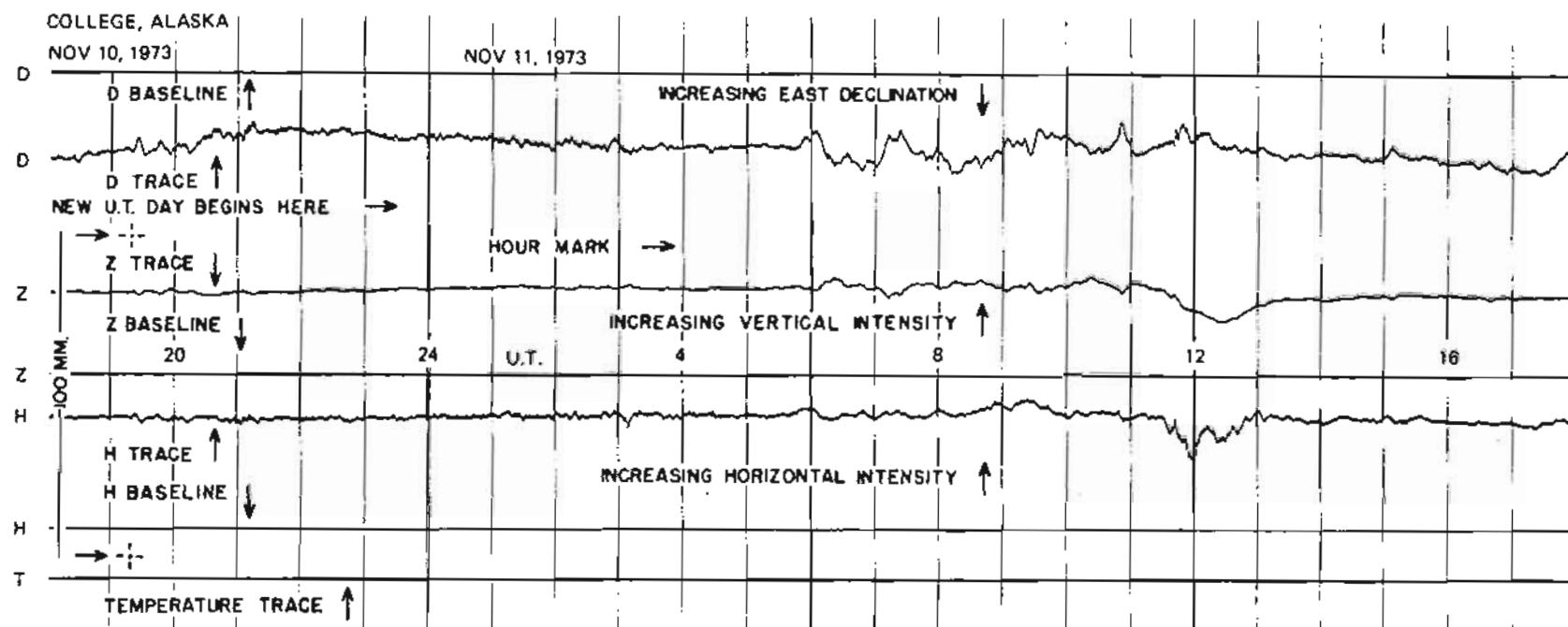
Valleys are in troughs of time, and are averages for successive periods of time, beginning at all times.

MAGNETOGRAM HOURLY SCALINGS
(UNIVERSAL TIME)

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Benton Federal Center
Pleasanton, CA 94566

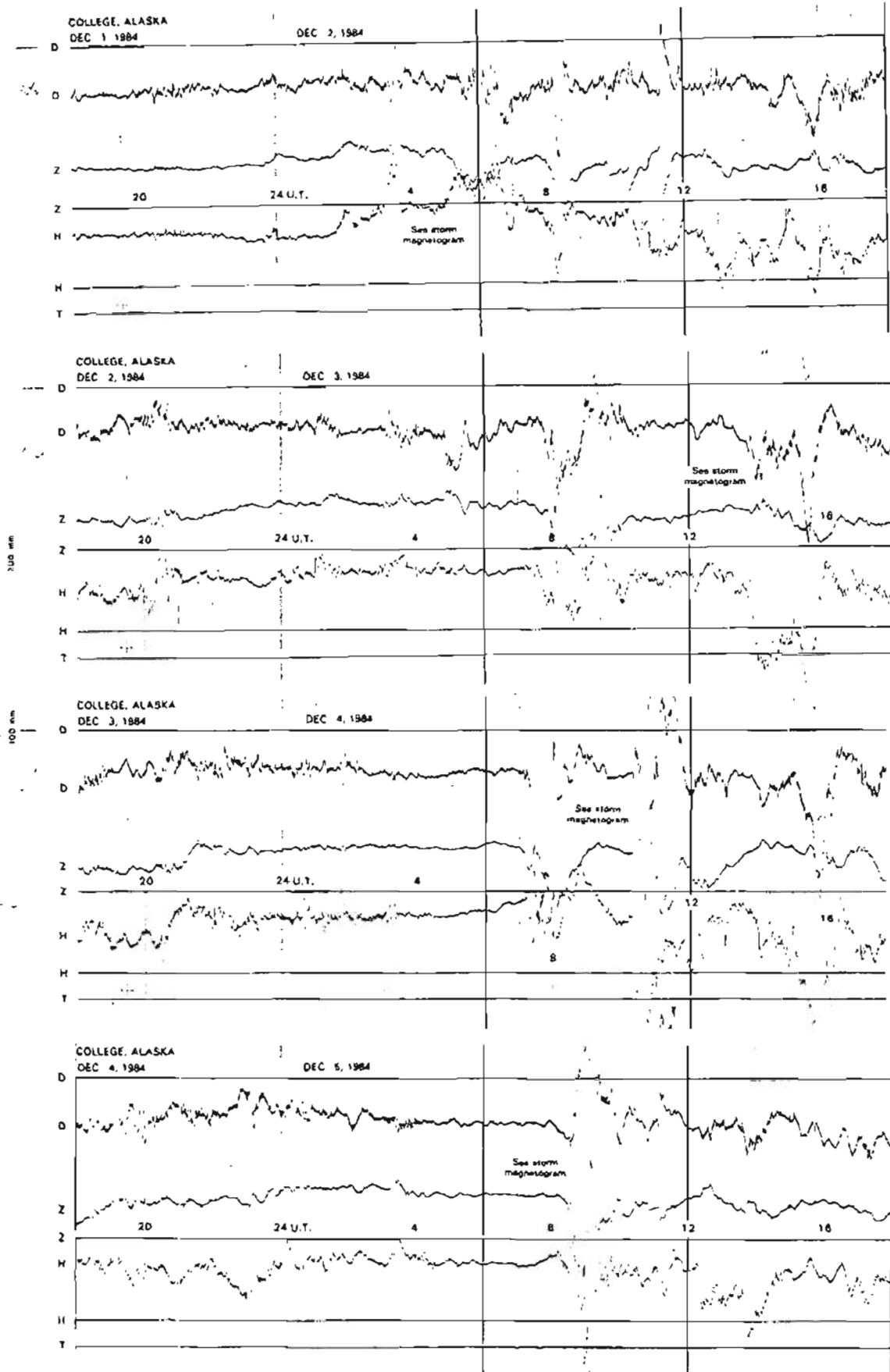
MAGNETOGRAM HOURLY SCALINGS (UNIVERSAL TIME)												U.S. DEPARTMENT OF INTELLIGENCE Geological Survey, Washington Division Denver Federal Center Denver, CO 80221												OBSV.	YEAR	MONTH	ELF-METRY																		
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SCALED BY	JEP, LYT	Preliminary base-line and scale values:												<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interpolated <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Significant portion of hour interpolated. <input type="checkbox"/> No record; or no values available because of lack of data. <input type="checkbox"/> Derived from STORM Mag., converted to Normal Mag.												MONTHLY SUM	208,532																		
CHECKED BY	EAS, JEP	Interval Beginning Value Scale Value												<input type="checkbox"/> Scaling uncertain because of magnetic storm. <input type="checkbox"/> Record off sheet for part or all of hour; if value is given, curve was estimated for missing part.												MONTHLY MEAN	280																		
SIGNS REVIEWED BY	JEP																									DATES WITH GAPS																			
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FORMAT FOR NORMAL & STORM MAGNETOGRAMS
(SAMPLE ONLY)

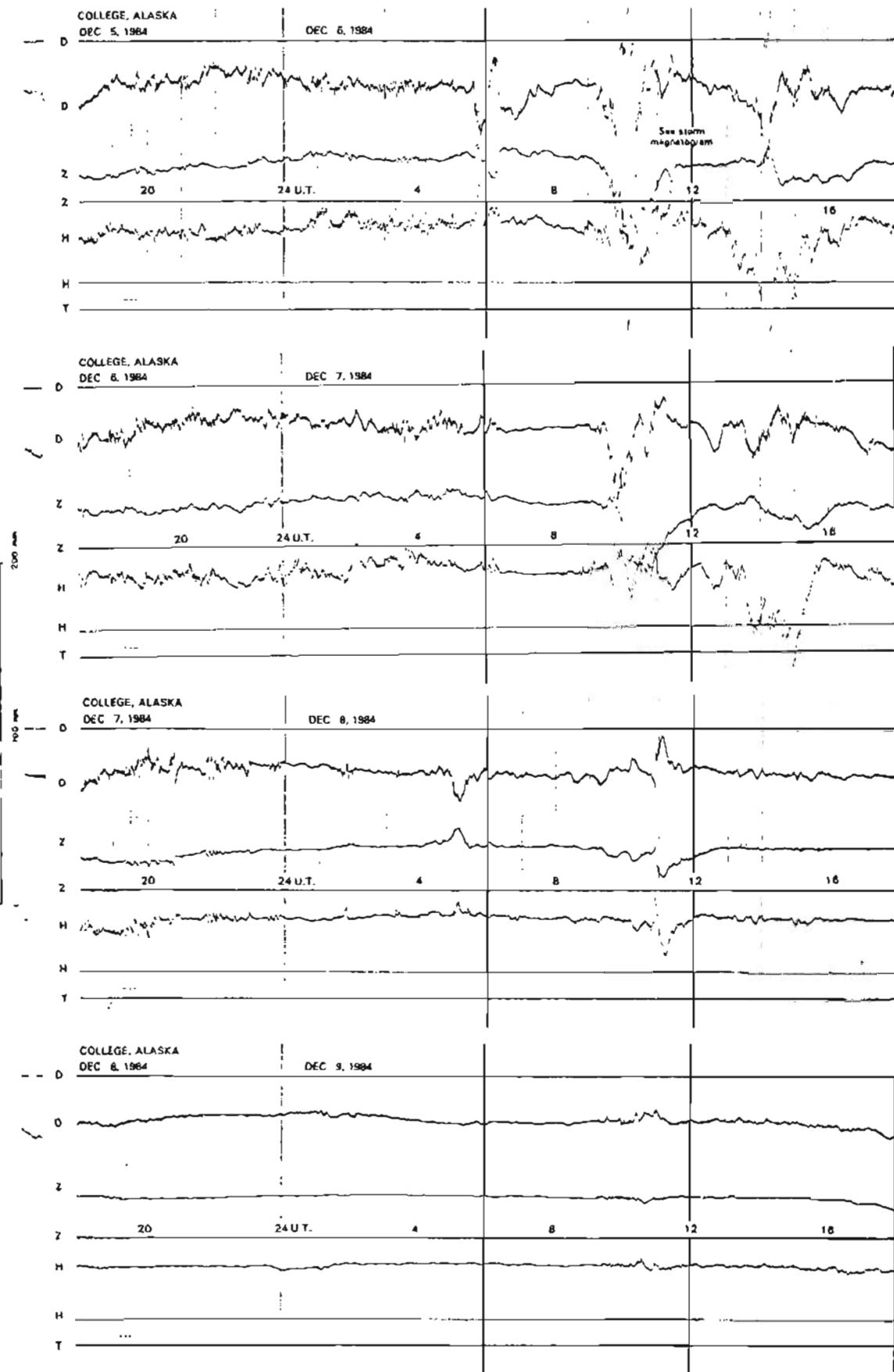


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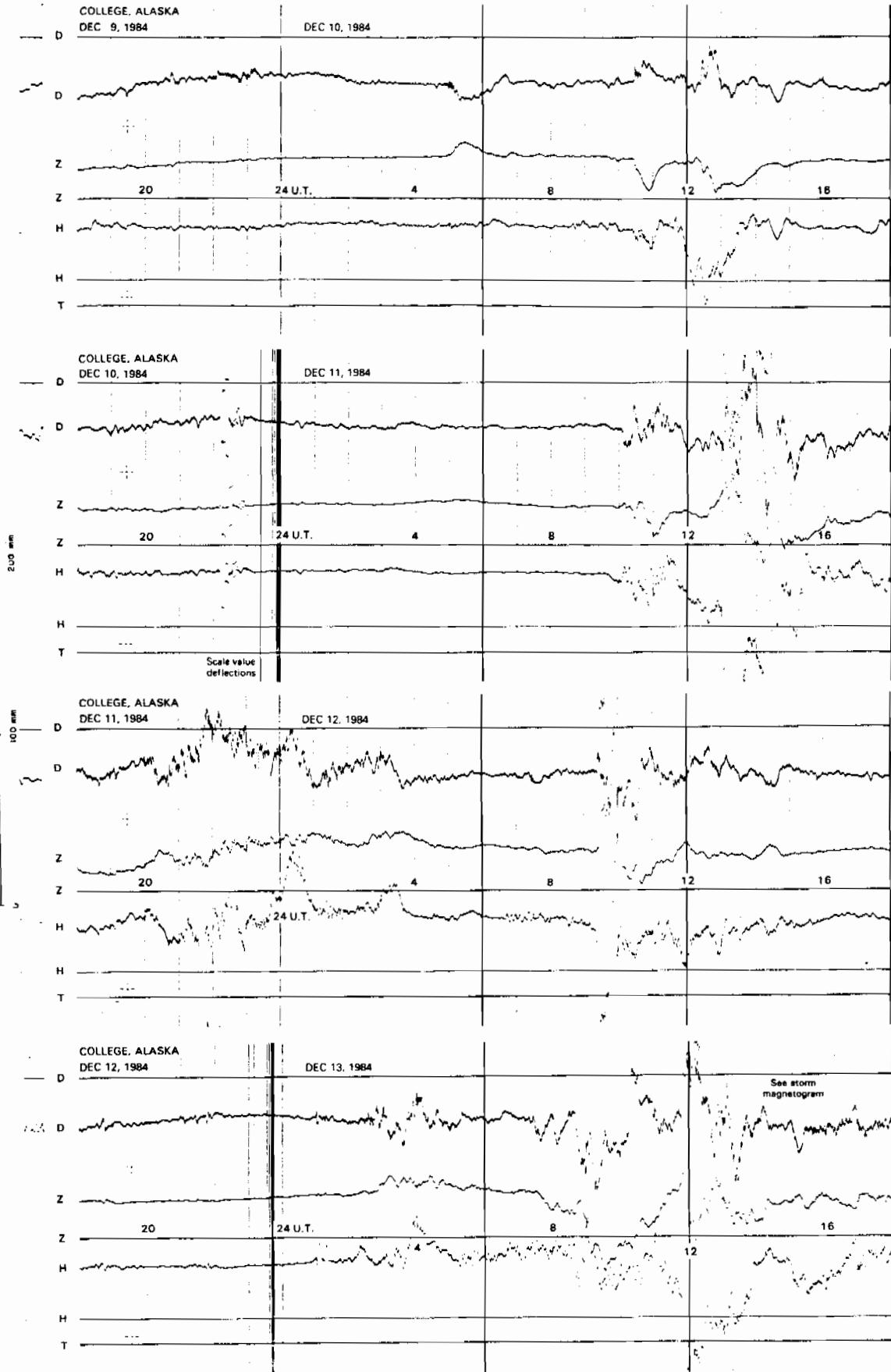
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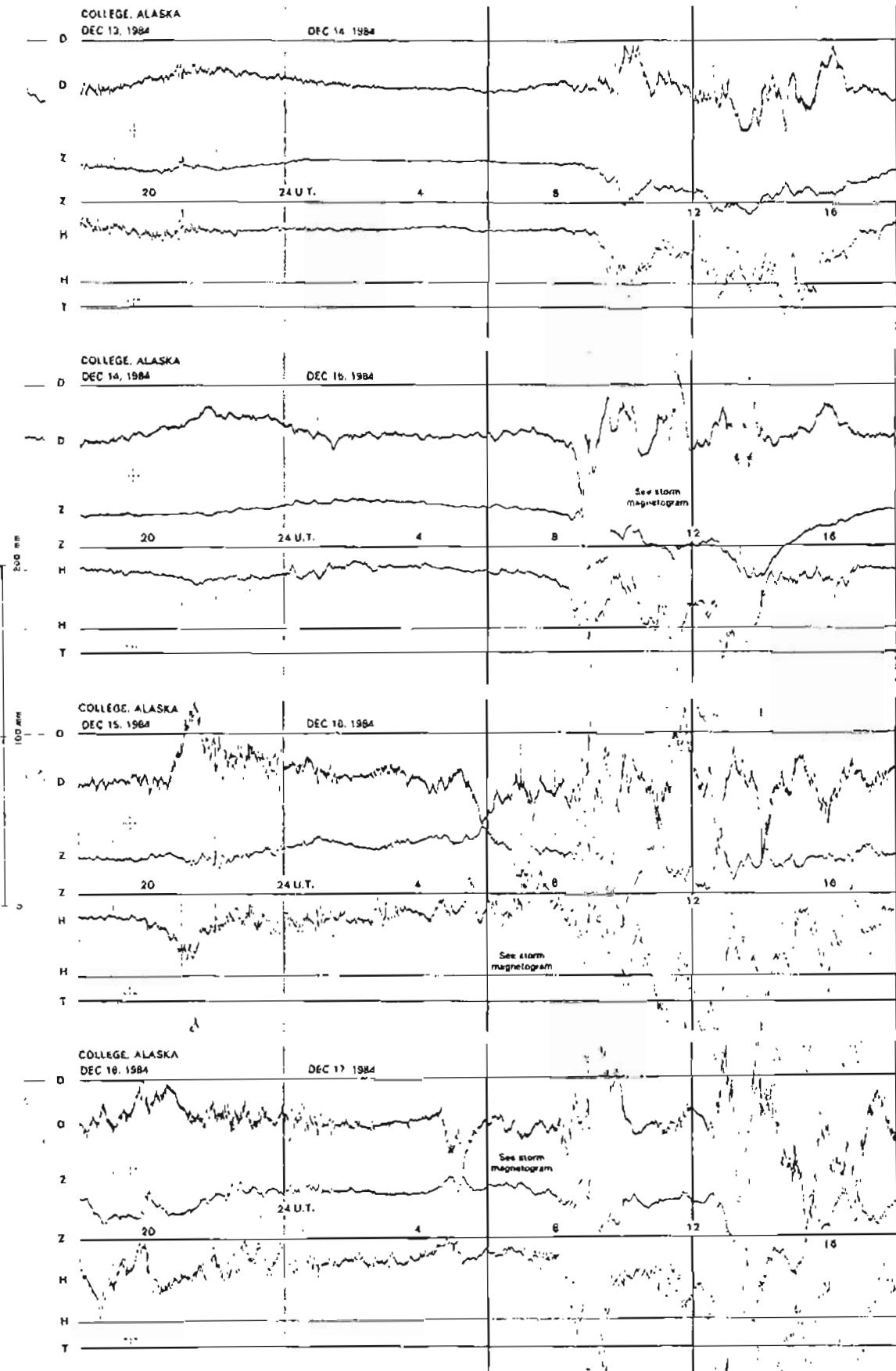
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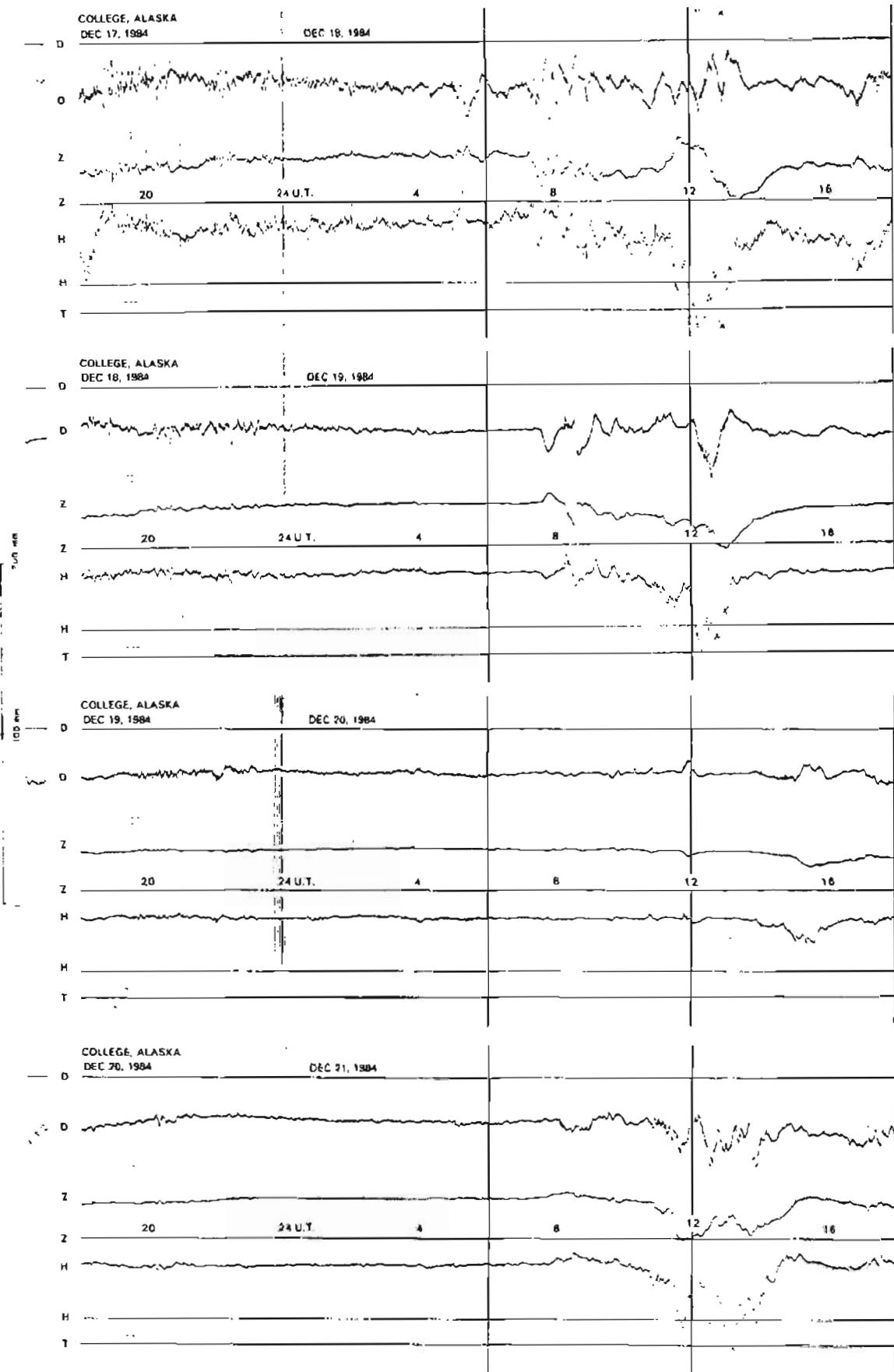
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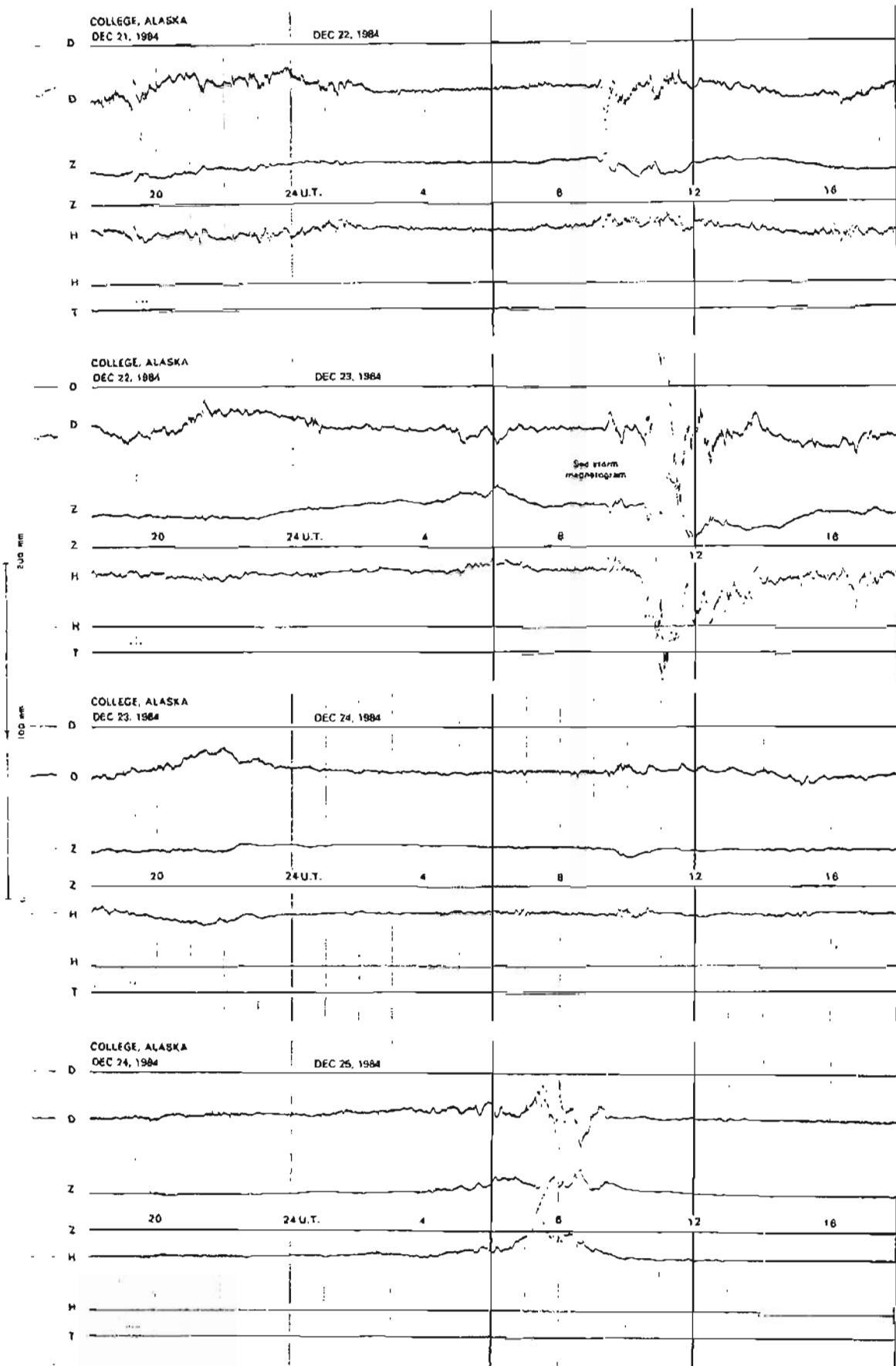
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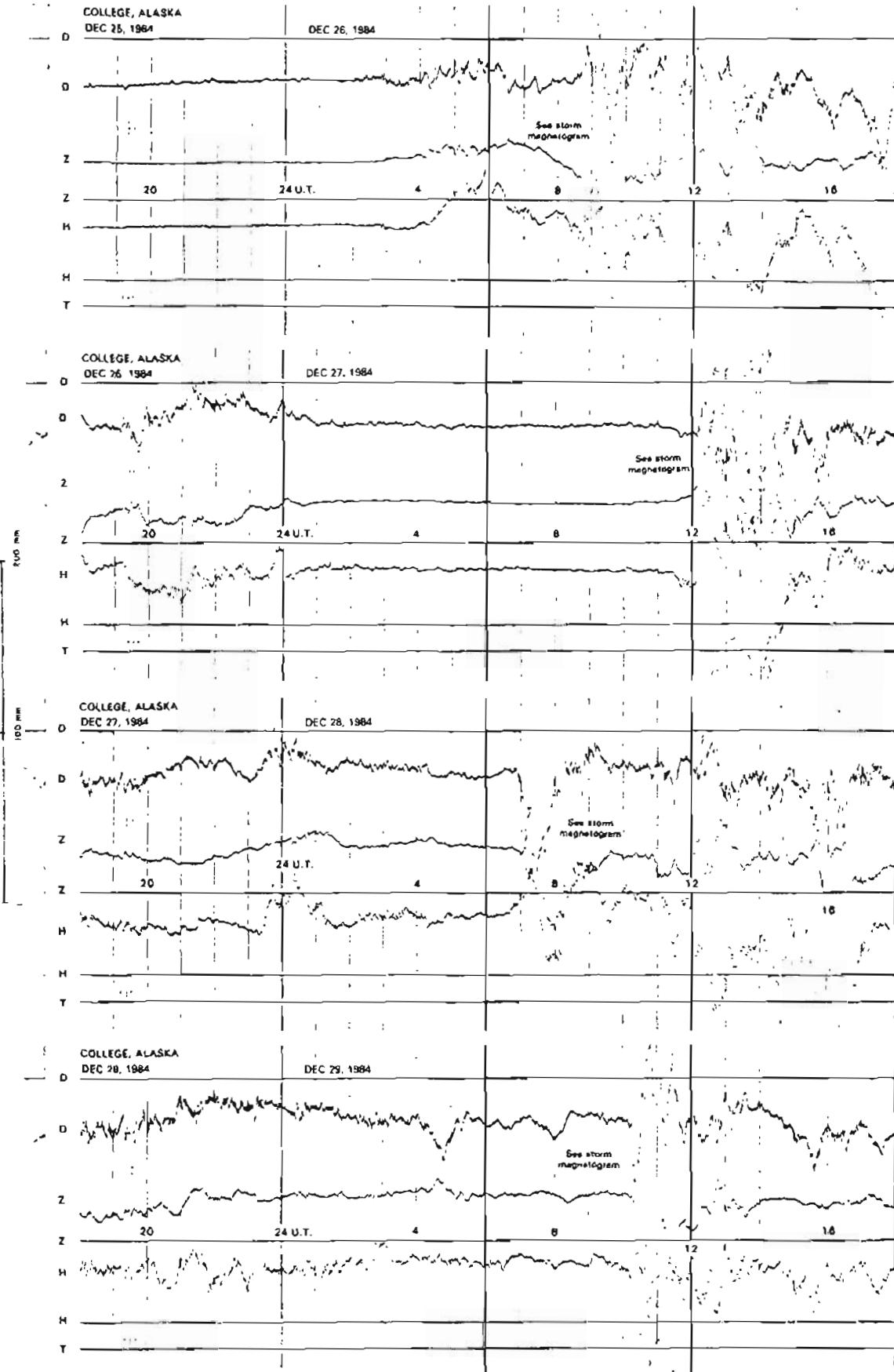
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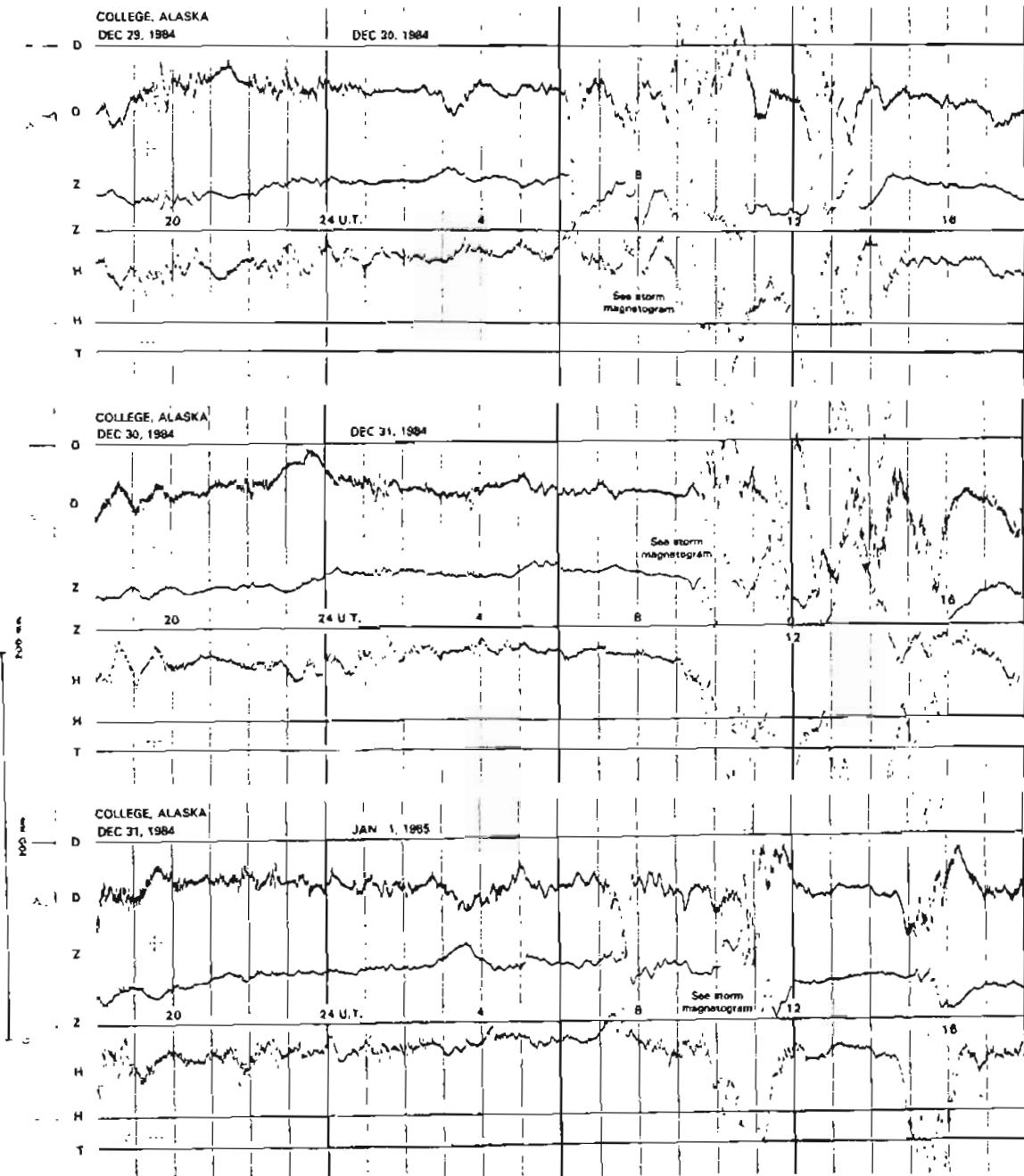
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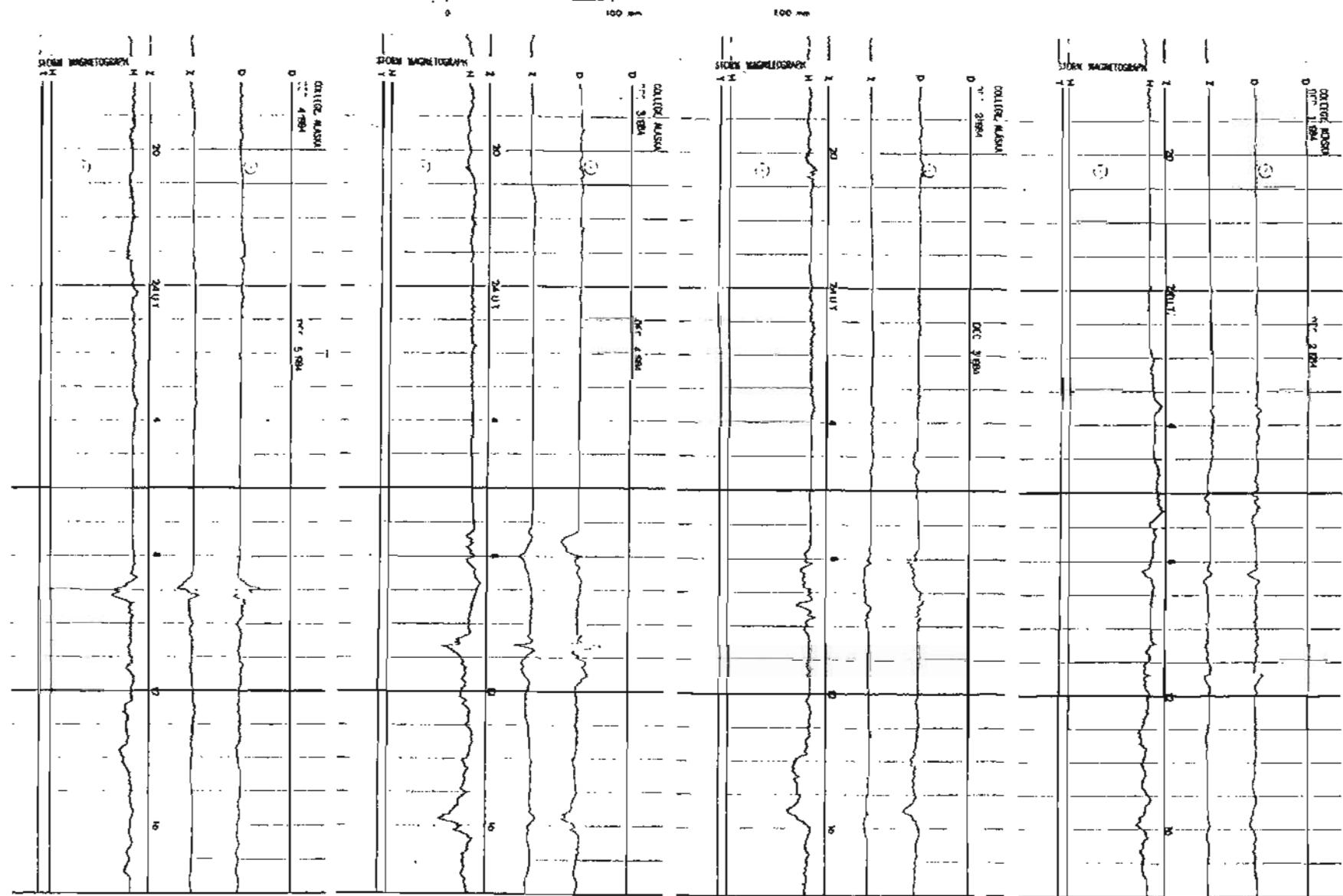
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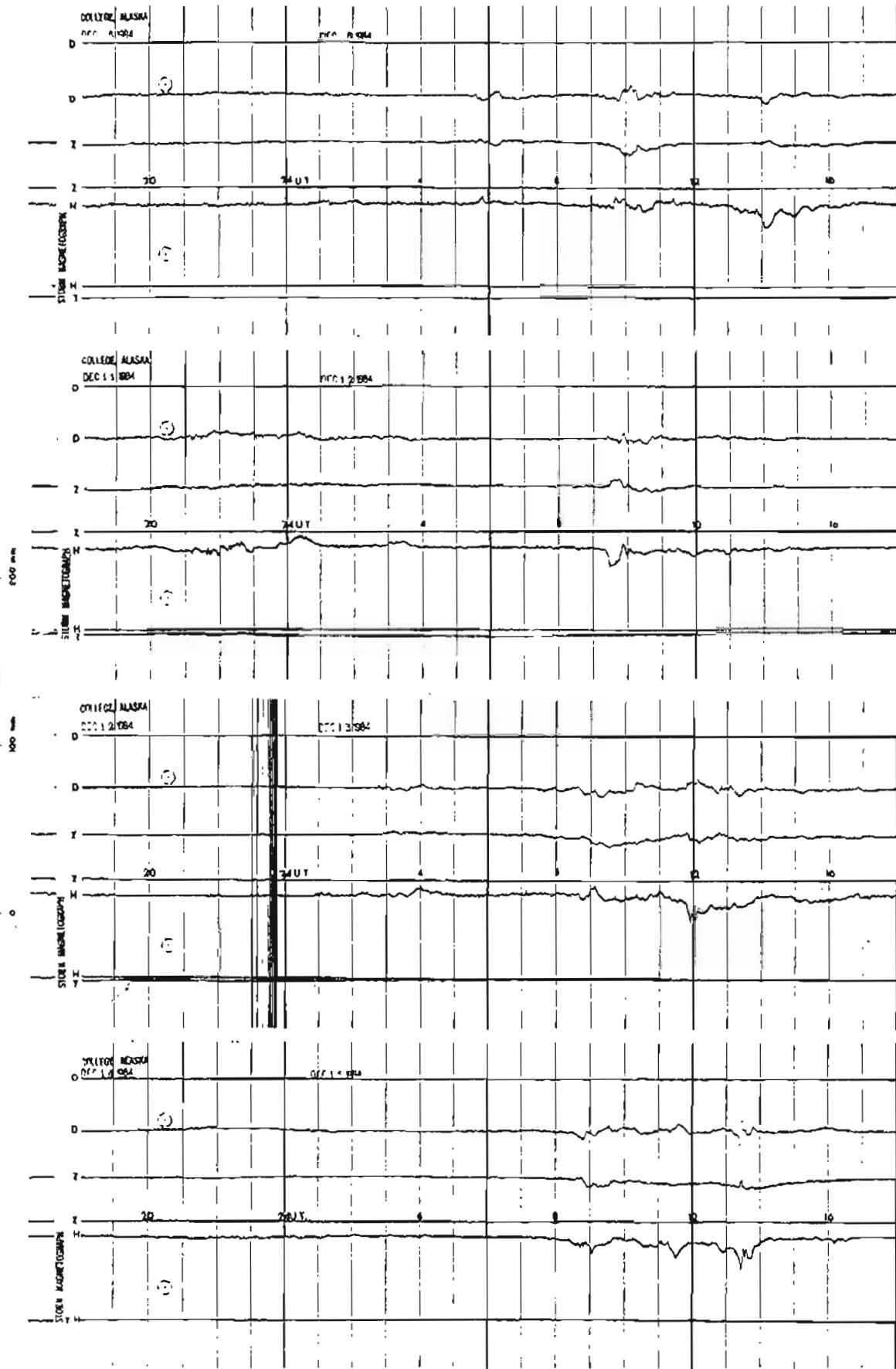
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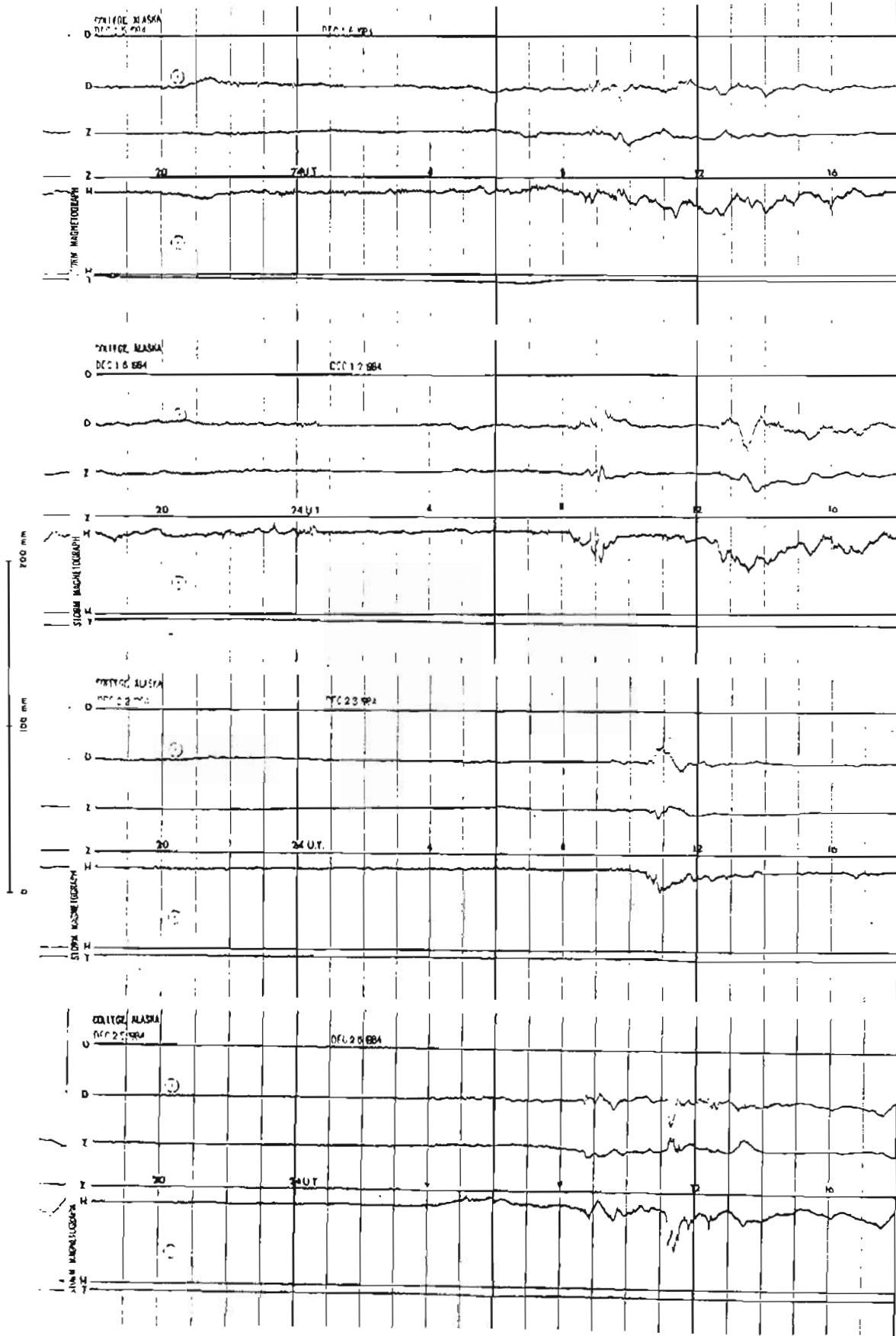
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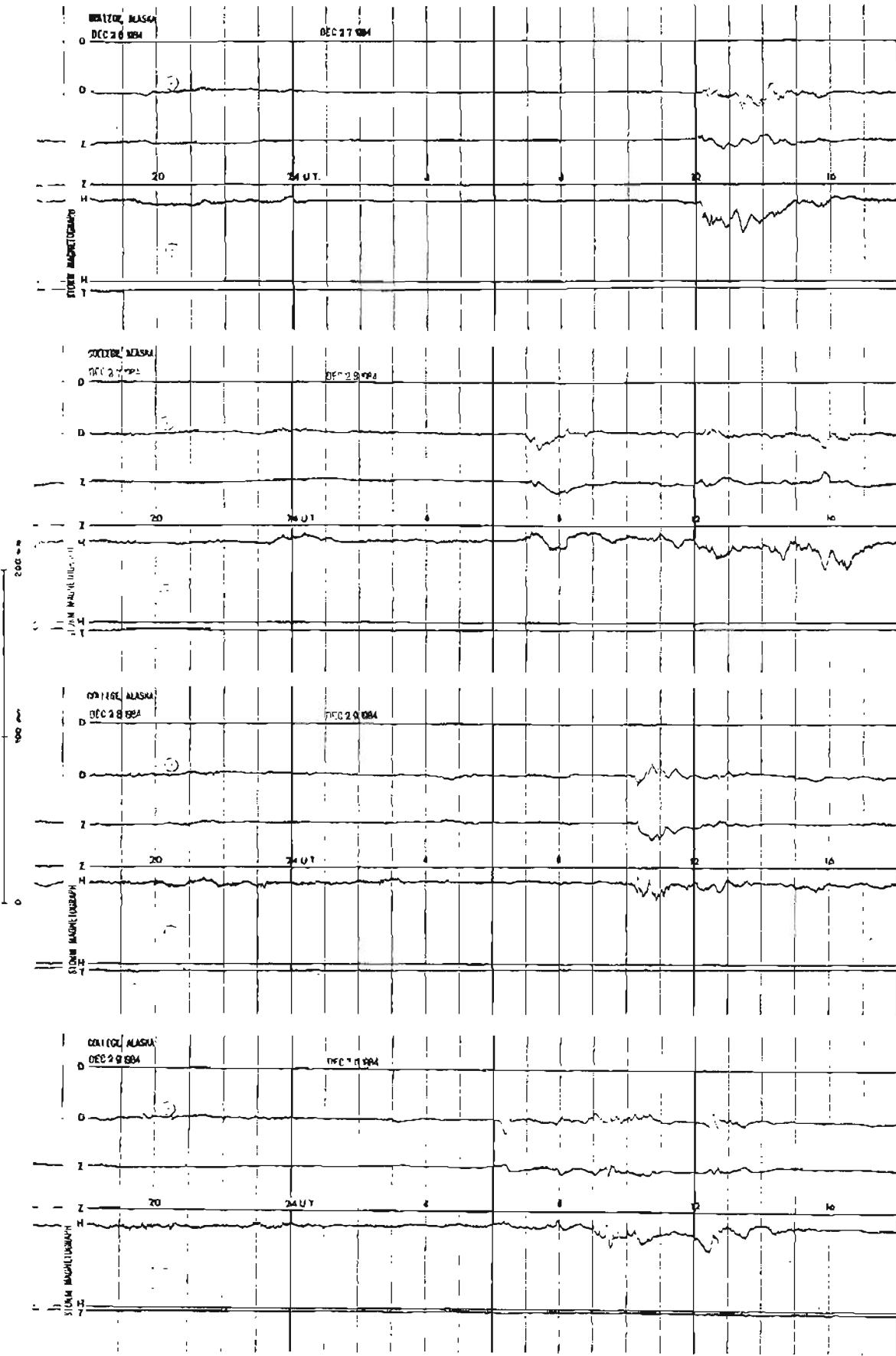
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