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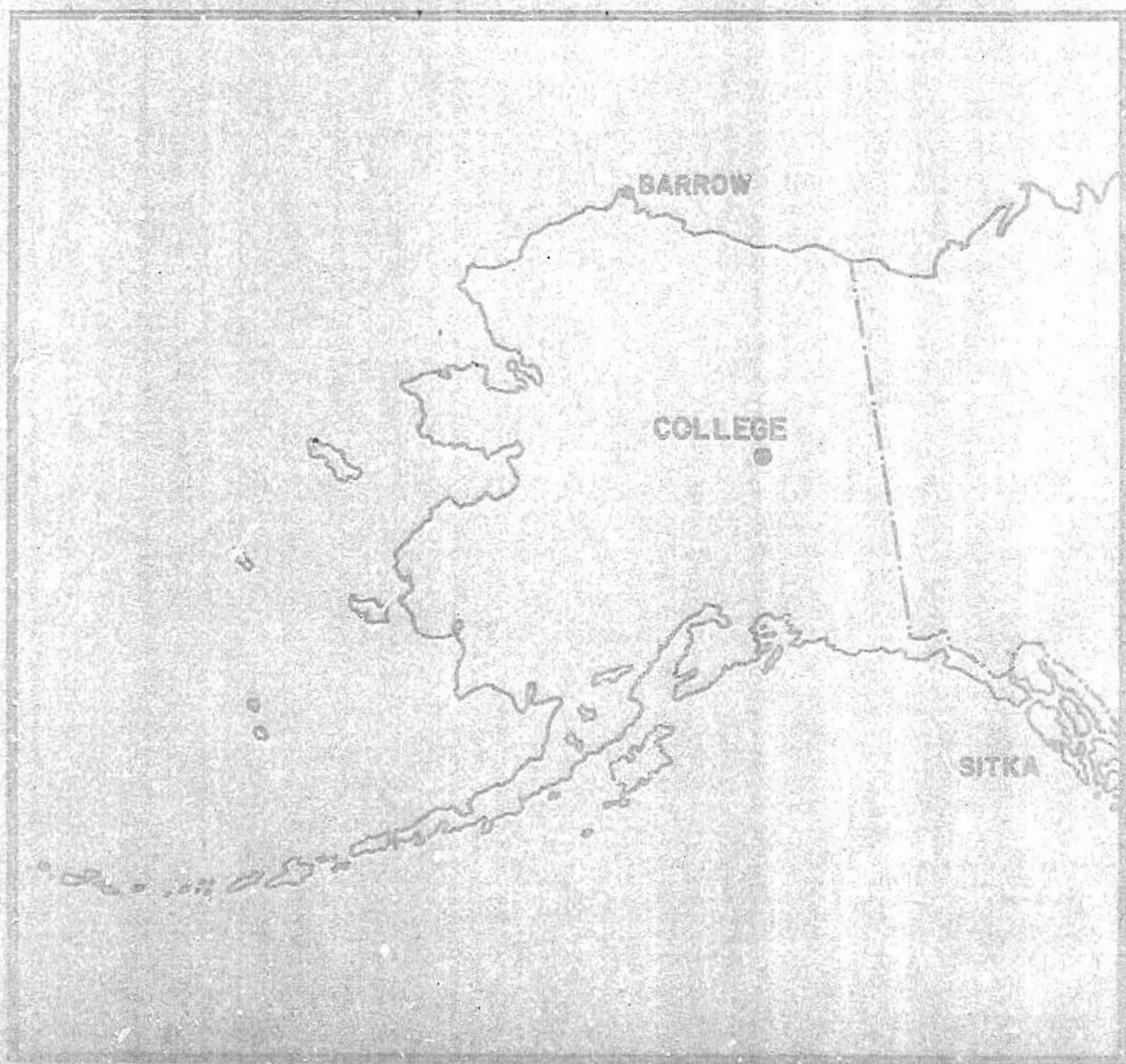
PRELIMINARY GEOMAGNETIC DATA COLLEGE OBSERVATORY FAIRBANKS, ALASKA



MAY 1979

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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 the 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 80532

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, A_k . The K-index is converted into an equivalent range, A_k , 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 A_k . The unit 10 γ 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 A_k is as follows:

Gamma Range	K - Index	A_k^*
0 < 25	0	0
25 < 50	1	3
50 < 100	2	7
100 < 200	3	15
200 < 350	4	27
350 < 600	5	43
600 < 1000	6	80
1000 < 1650	7	140
1650 < 2500	8	240
2500+	9	400 (10 γ)

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 A_k as follows:

A_k Range	C
0-50	0
51-100	1
101+	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 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 Sitska.

The position of the observatory site is:
Geographic latitude..... 64°21.6'N
Geographic longitude..... 147°50.2'W
Geomagnetic latitude..... 64.6°
Geomagnetic longitude..... 156.3°
Elevation..... 200 meters

Selected Phenomena & Outstanding Magnetic Effects

Prior to January 1, 1976, 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 commencement; 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 "OI" 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.

Absolute, Base-line, 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:

$D = D_0 + d \cdot S_D$; $H = H_0 + h \cdot S_H$; $Z = Z_0 + z \cdot S_Z$
where D, H, and Z are absolute values;
 D_0 , H_0 , and Z_0 are base-line values;
 S_D , S_H , and S_Z are scale values;
and d, h, and z are scalings in millimeters.

COLLEGE, ALASKA

MAGNETIC ACTIVITY

(Greenwich civil time, counted from midnight to midnight)

MONTH AND YEAR

MAY 1979

DATE	K-INDICES								SUM	AK	TIME SCALE ON MAGNETOGRAMS		
	00 00	03 01	06 00	09 04	12 12	15 11	18 16	21 19			20 mm/hr		
1	3	5	5	5	0	3	2	4	27	26	SUDDEN COMMENCEMENTS d h m		
2	4	4	3	4	3	2	2	1	23	16			
3	2	1	1	2	3	2	2	2	15	07			
4	2	2	2	3	2	2	2	2	17	08			
5	3	2	2	5	2	1	1	1	17	12			
6	0	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	09	04			
7	2	1	2	5	4	3	3	2	22	16			
8	2	2	3	2	2	1	2	2	16	08			
9	1	3	3	4	4	3	3	2	23	16			
10	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	15	07			
11	3	3	5	5	5	4	3	3	31	29	POSSIBLE SOLAR-FLARE EFFECTS BASED ON INSPECTION OF GRAMS ALONE (WITHOUT REFERENCE TO DATA FROM OTHER SOURCES)		
12	2	3	2	3	4	2	2	2	20	12			
13	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	15	07			
14	3	3	1	2	5	3	2	2	21	15			
15	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	22	13			
16	2	2	2	0	0	1	1	1	09	04			
17	2	2	2	2	0	0	1	0	09	04			
18	1	1	1	2	4	2	2	3	16	09			
19	5	5	3	5	5	4	3	3	33	33			
20	3	5	4	4	4	4	2	2	28	23			
21	1	1	5	4	5	4	3	3	26	23	BEGIN	END	
22	5	4	5	5	4	4	4	3	34	33			
23	4	3	1	1	1	1	3	3	17	11	d h m	d h m	
24	4	4	5	5	5	5	3	4	35	36			
25	4	5	5	6	5	6	4	3	38	47	d h m	d h m	
26	3	5	5	4	5	5	3	3	33	33			
27	4	4	5	5	5	5	3	2	33	34	d h m	d h m	
28	3	2	2	1	3	2	2	2	17	09			
29	3	1	1	5	5	2	4	5	26	25	d h m	d h m	
30	3	4	3	2	1	1	1	0	15	09			
31	0	1	0	2	0	2	1	1	07	03	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

3.75

2560

H

321.7

7.80

2510

Z

(mm)

(γ/mm)

(to nearest 10γ)

SCALINGS AND COMPUTATIONS HAVE BEEN CHECKED.

APPROVED JOHN B. TOWNSHEND, CHIEF, COLLEGE OBSERVATORY

OBSERVER IN CHARGE

OUTSTANDING MAGNETIC EFFECTS

OBSERVATORY
COLLEGE, ALASKA

MONTH
MAY

YEAR
1979

DATE	TIME U.T.	NATURE OF PHENOMENON ¹	REMARKS
29	1849	si*	
<p>IDENTIFIED BY: JEP</p> <p>VERIFIED BY: JBT</p>			

1. NATURE OF PHENOMENON: ssc, ssc*, si, si*, b, bp, bs, bps, pc1, pc2 - - - pc5, pg, pi 1, pi 2, sfe. 4

NOAA FORM 86-500
(11/73)

PRINCIPAL MAGNETIC STORMS

Data from Individual Observatories:

COLLEGE OBSERVATORY, COLLEGE, ALASKA

MAY

1979

WDC-A FOR SOLAR-TERRRESTRIAL PHYSICS
ENVIRONMENTAL DATA SERVICE, NOAA
BOULDER, COLORADO 80506 U.S.A.

Obs. # 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(°)	Z(°)	day	(3 hr - period)	K	D(°)	H(°)	Z(°)	
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		23	19XX	25	4, 6	6	173	1180	620	28 02

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

MAY

1979

NORMAL MAGNETOGRAPHS

COMPONENT	PERIOD		CALIBRATION		
	FROM	TO	SCALE VALUE		BASELINE
D	0000 U.T. 5-1-79	2400 U.T. 5-31-79	1.0/mm	388/mm	27° 47.3 E
H	0000 U.T. 5-1-79	2400 U.T. 5-31-79	7.88/mm		127618
Z	0000 U.T. 5-1-79	2400 U.T. 5-31-79	7.38/mm		551688

STORM MAGNETOGRAPHS

COMPONENT	PERIOD		CALIBRATION		
	FROM	TO	SCALE VALUE		BASELINE
D	0000 U.T. 5-1-79	2400 U.T. 5-31-79	7.8/mm	29.78/mm	23° 48.6 E
H	0000 U.T. 5-1-79	2400 U.T. 5-31-79	44.08/mm		115178
Z	0000 U.T. 5-1-79	2400 U.T. 5-31-79	48.68/mm		540258

RAPID RUN MAGNETOGRAPHS

COMPONENT	PERIOD		CALIBRATION	
	FROM	TO	SCALE VALUE	
D				
H				
Z				

MONTHLY MEAN ABSOLUTE VALUES*

D	H	Z
28° 11.6 E	130328	553798

* COMPUTED FROM TEN QUIETEST DAYS DURING MONTH.

DAYS USED: MAY 3, 4, 6, 8, 10, 13, 16, 17, 18, 31

1806, Form 11-108
(11-57)

MAGNETOGRAM HOURLY SCALINGS

(UNIVERSAL TIME)

Values are in tenths of mm, and are averages for entire time periods of one hour beginning at midnight. Hours of local day 1500 to 2300 are from 11 to 23 hours universal day. Daylight corrections have been applied. Negative values are in red with minus signs shown.

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION

DATE: 11-11-57
TIME: 11:00
STATION: 11

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(2) No record; no value available because of faulty record.
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MACHINERY HOURLY SCALINGS

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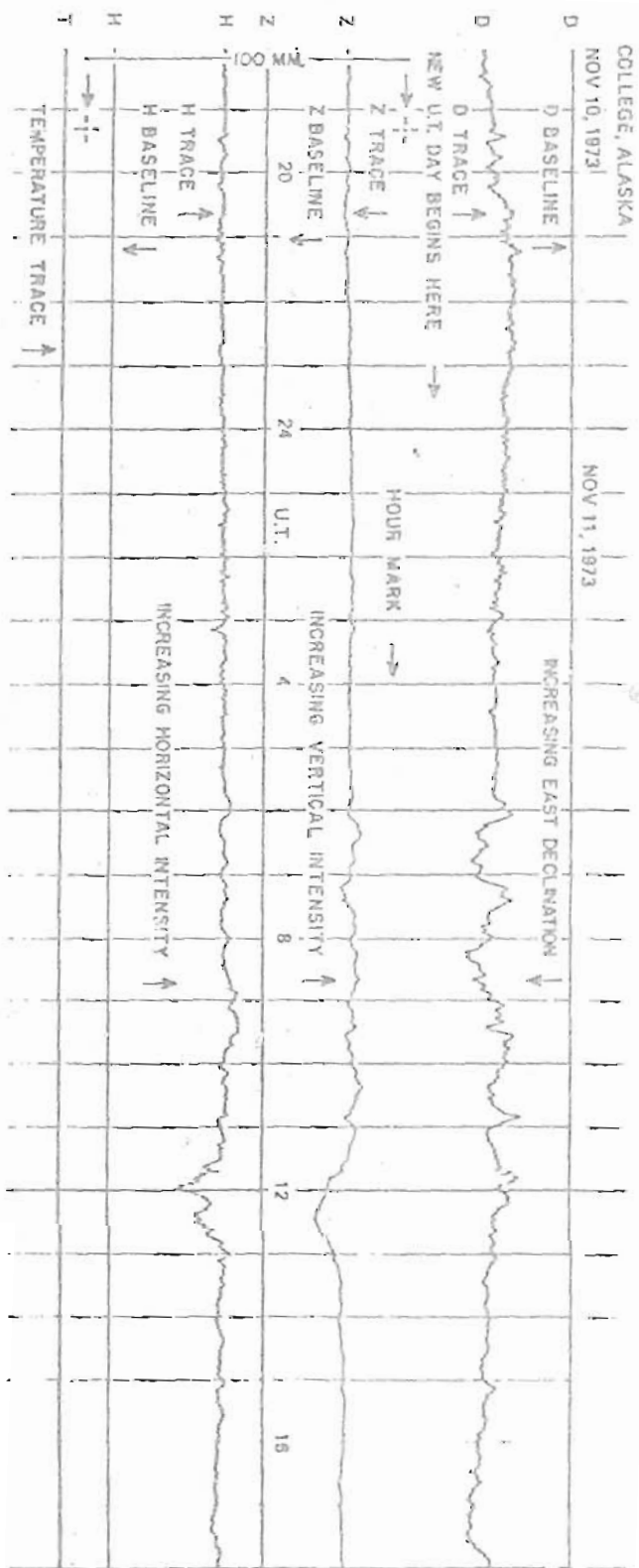
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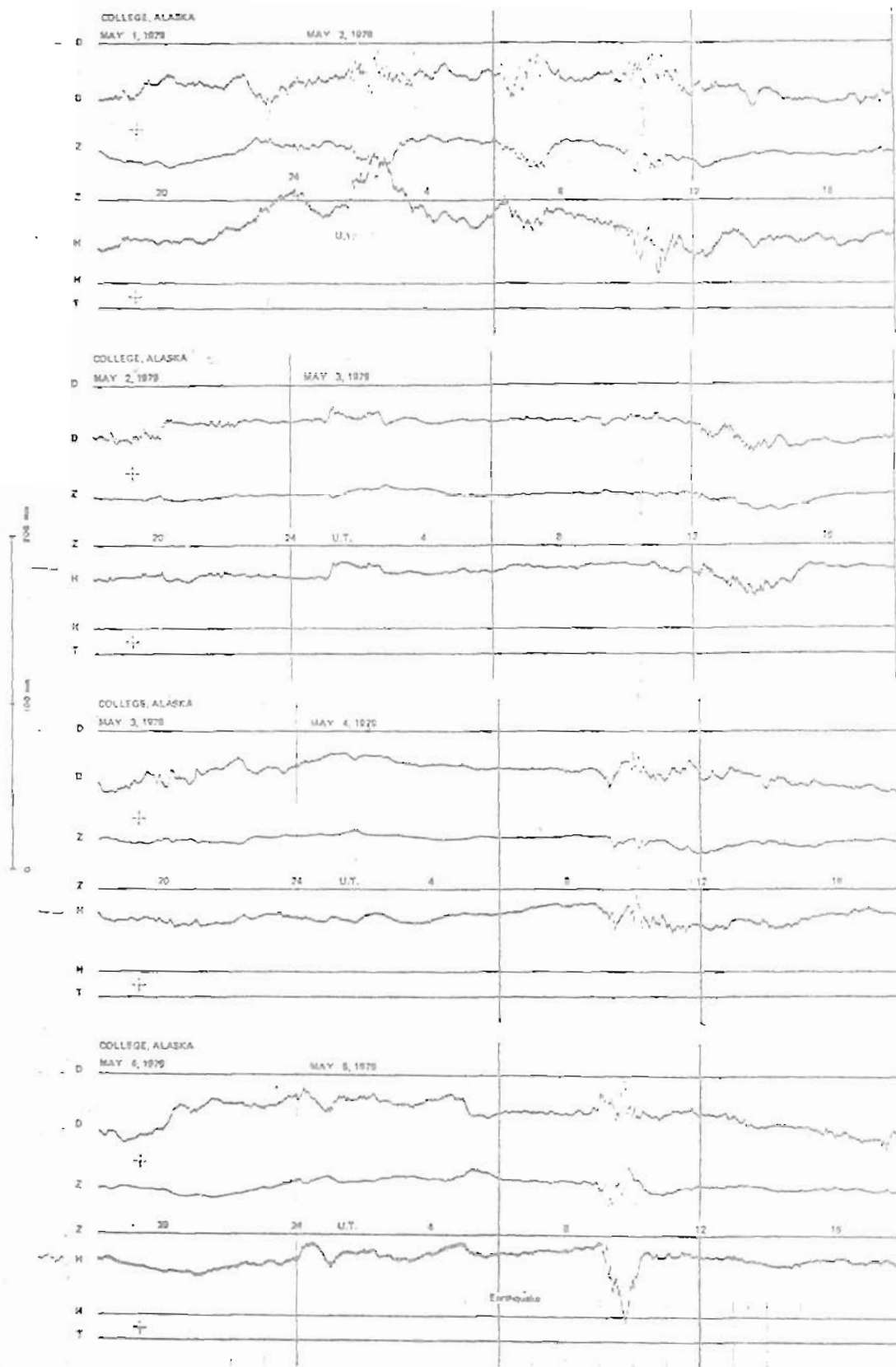
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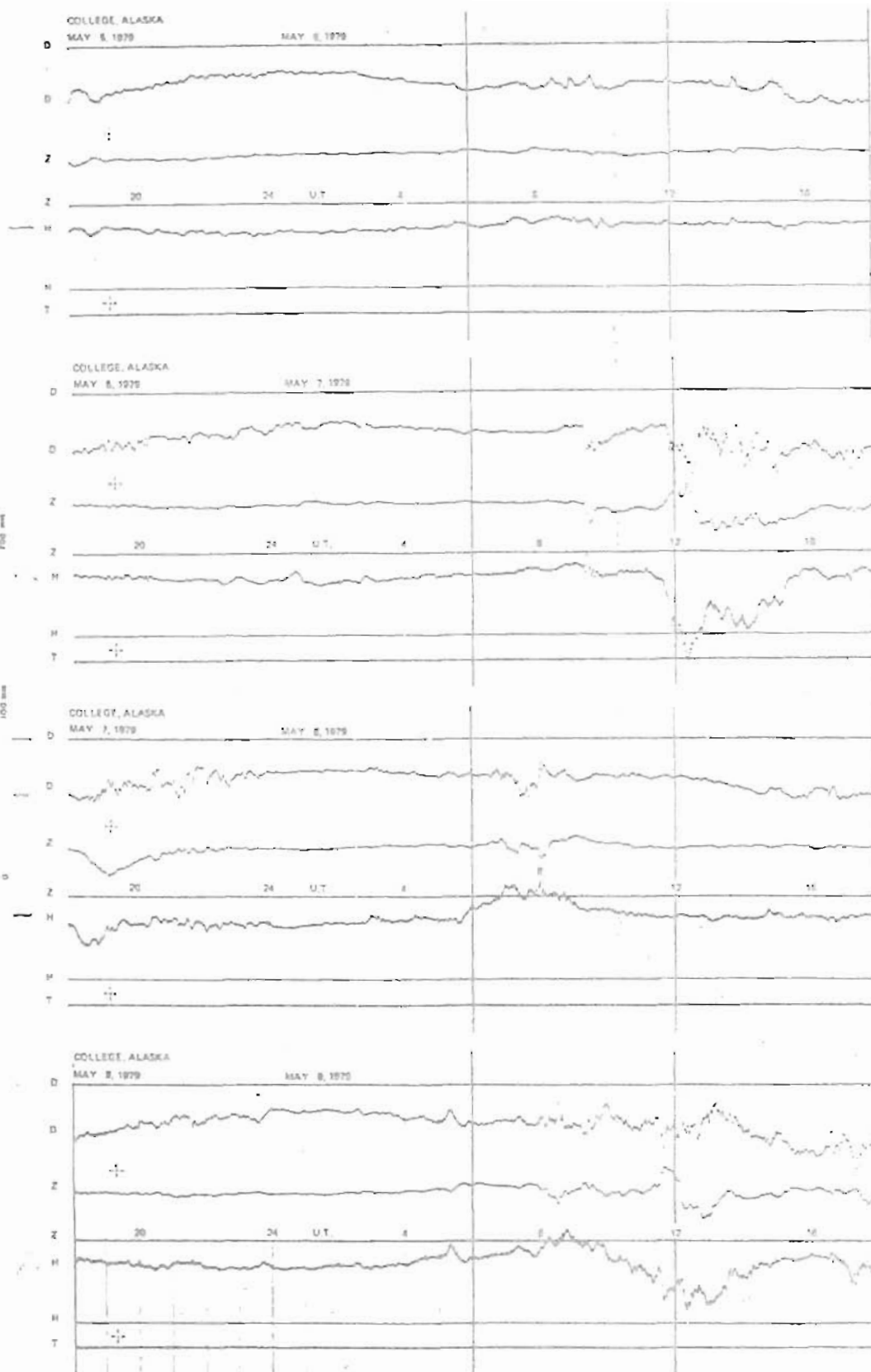


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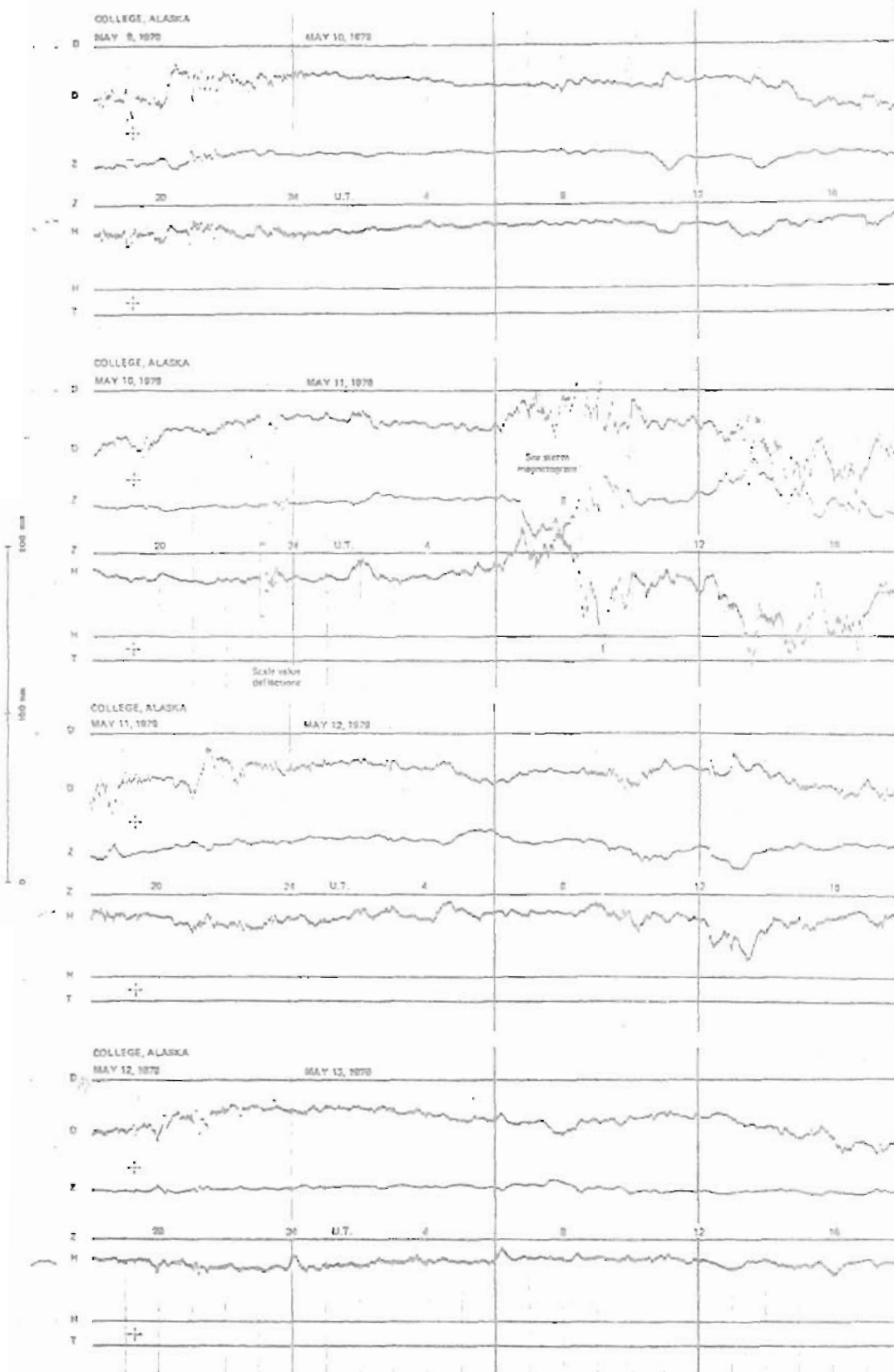
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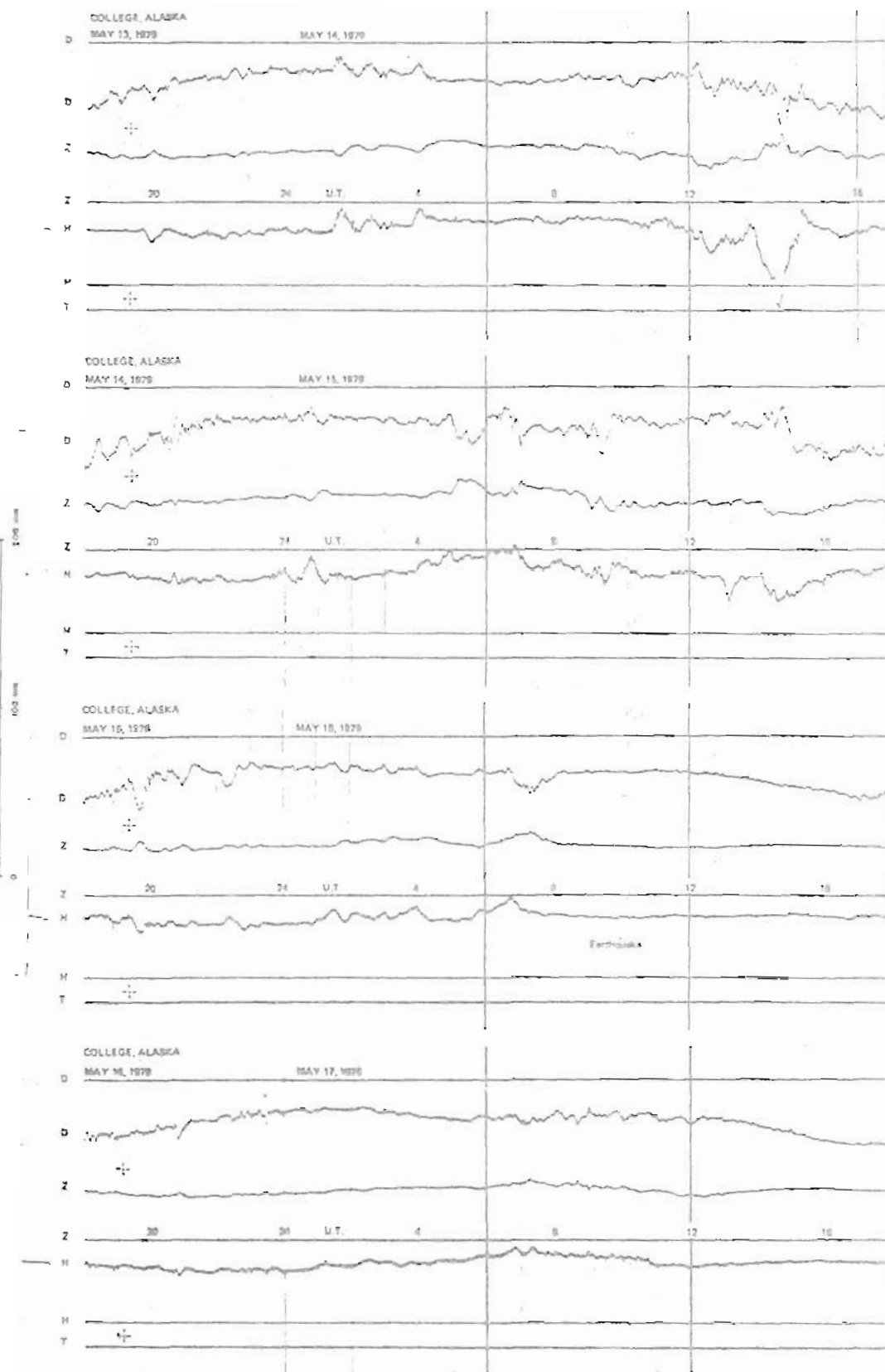
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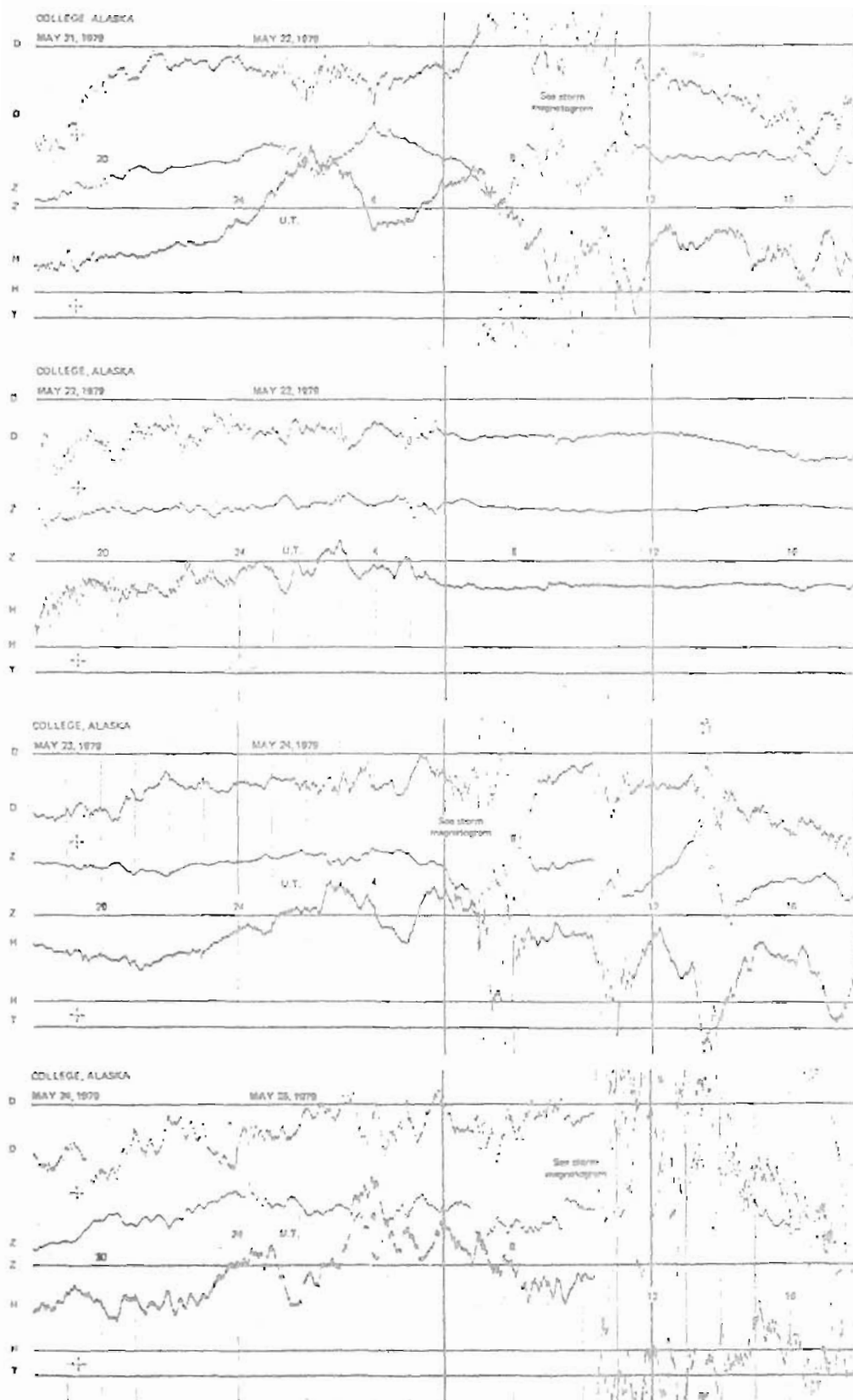


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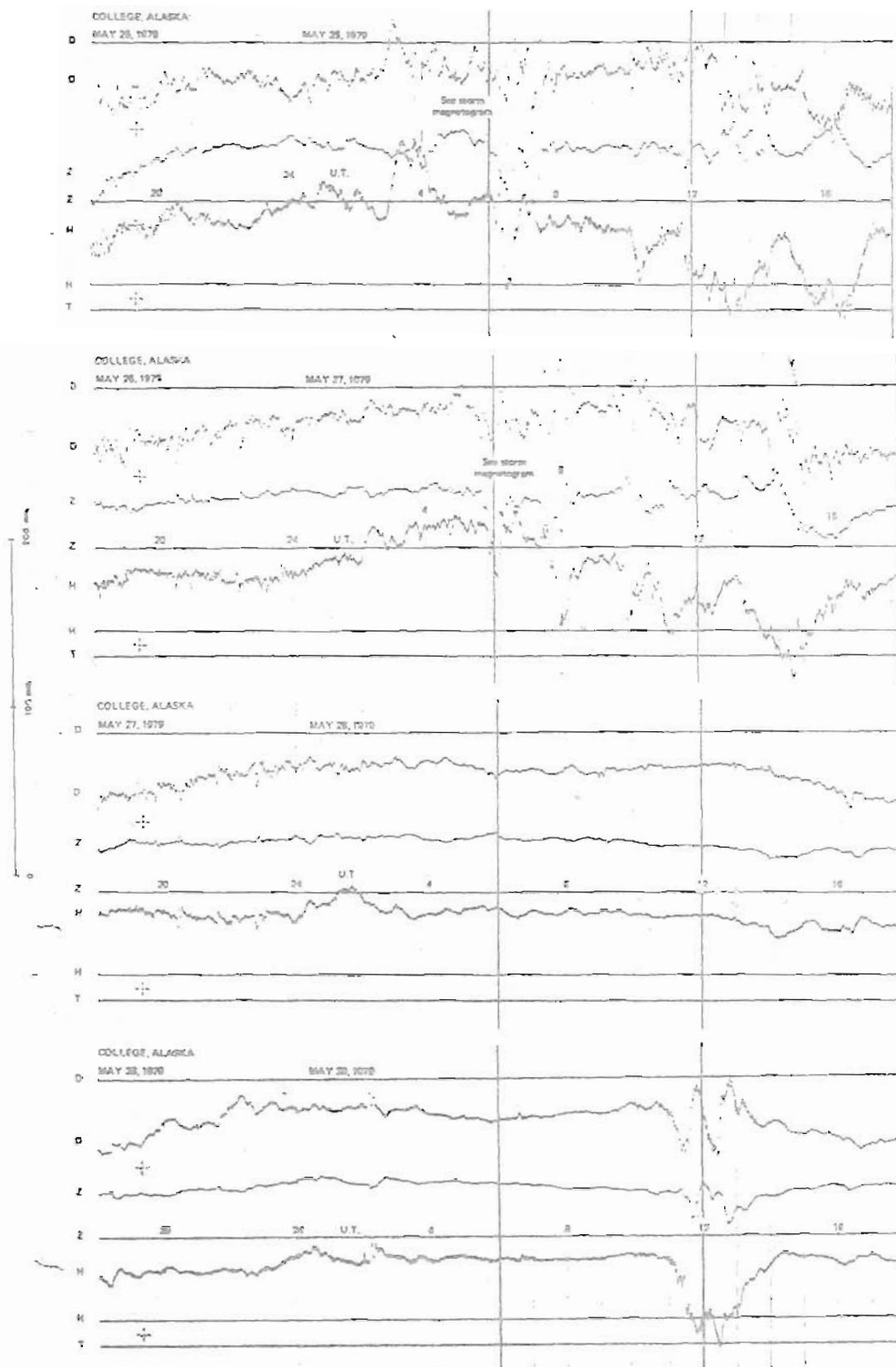




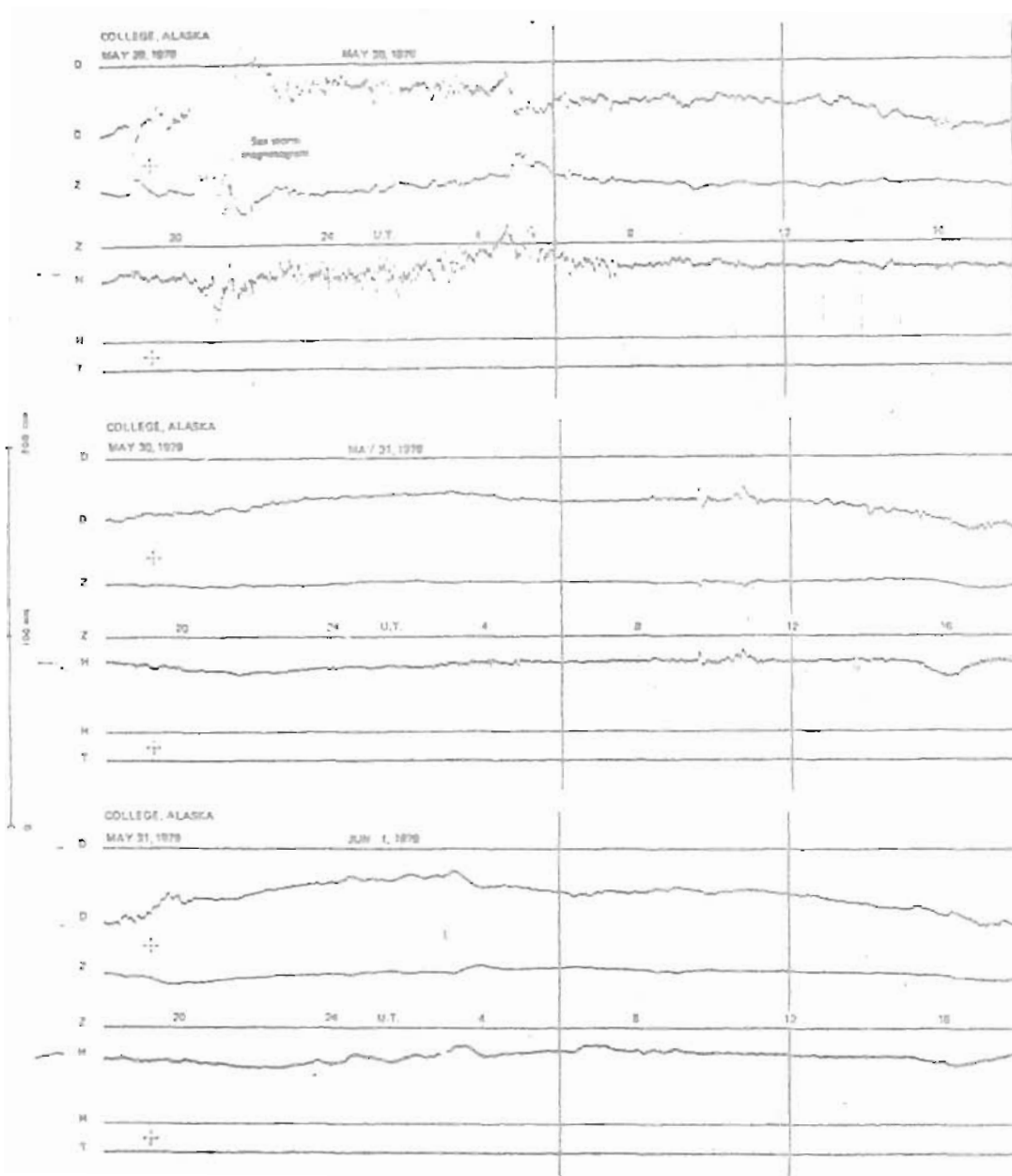
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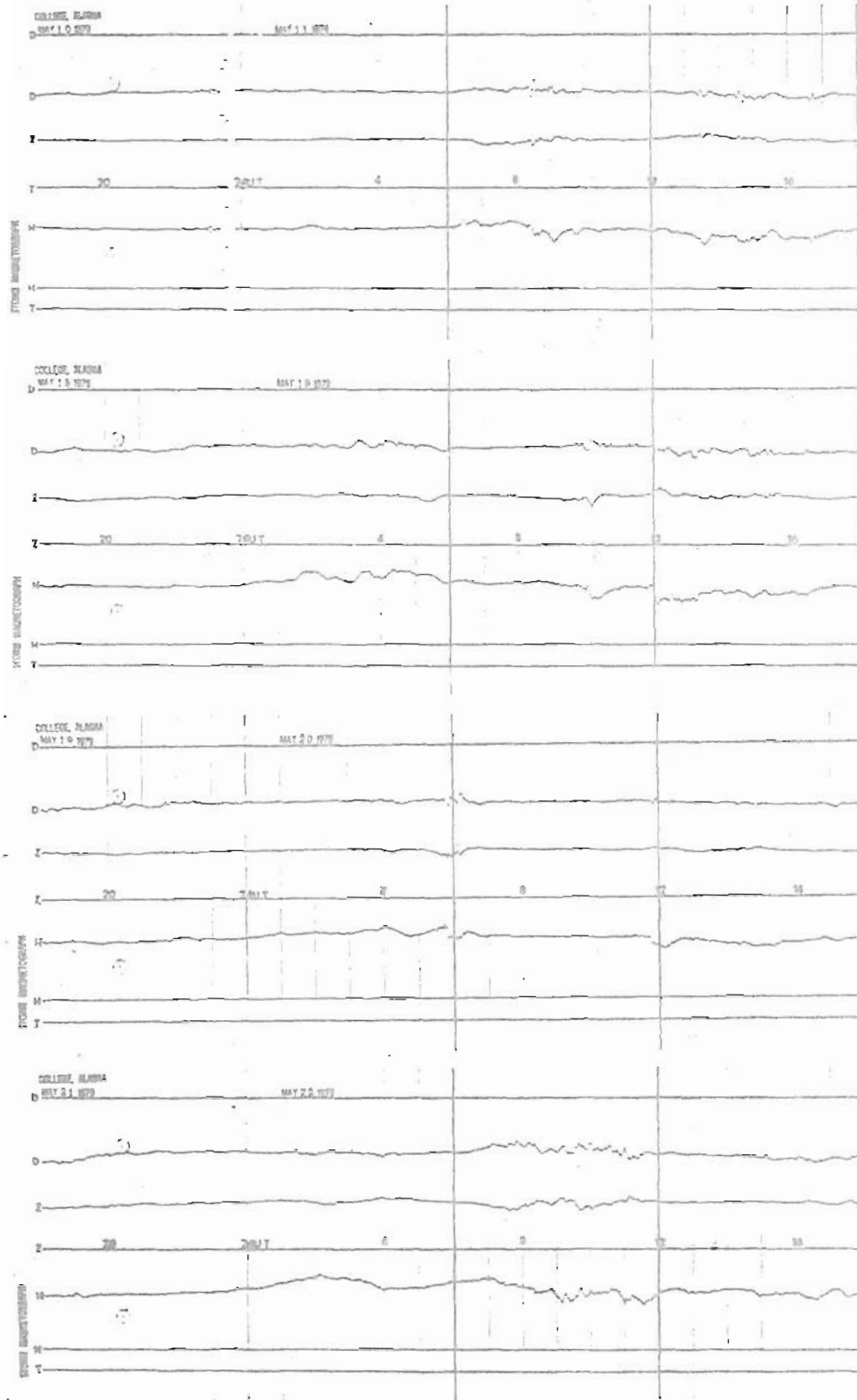


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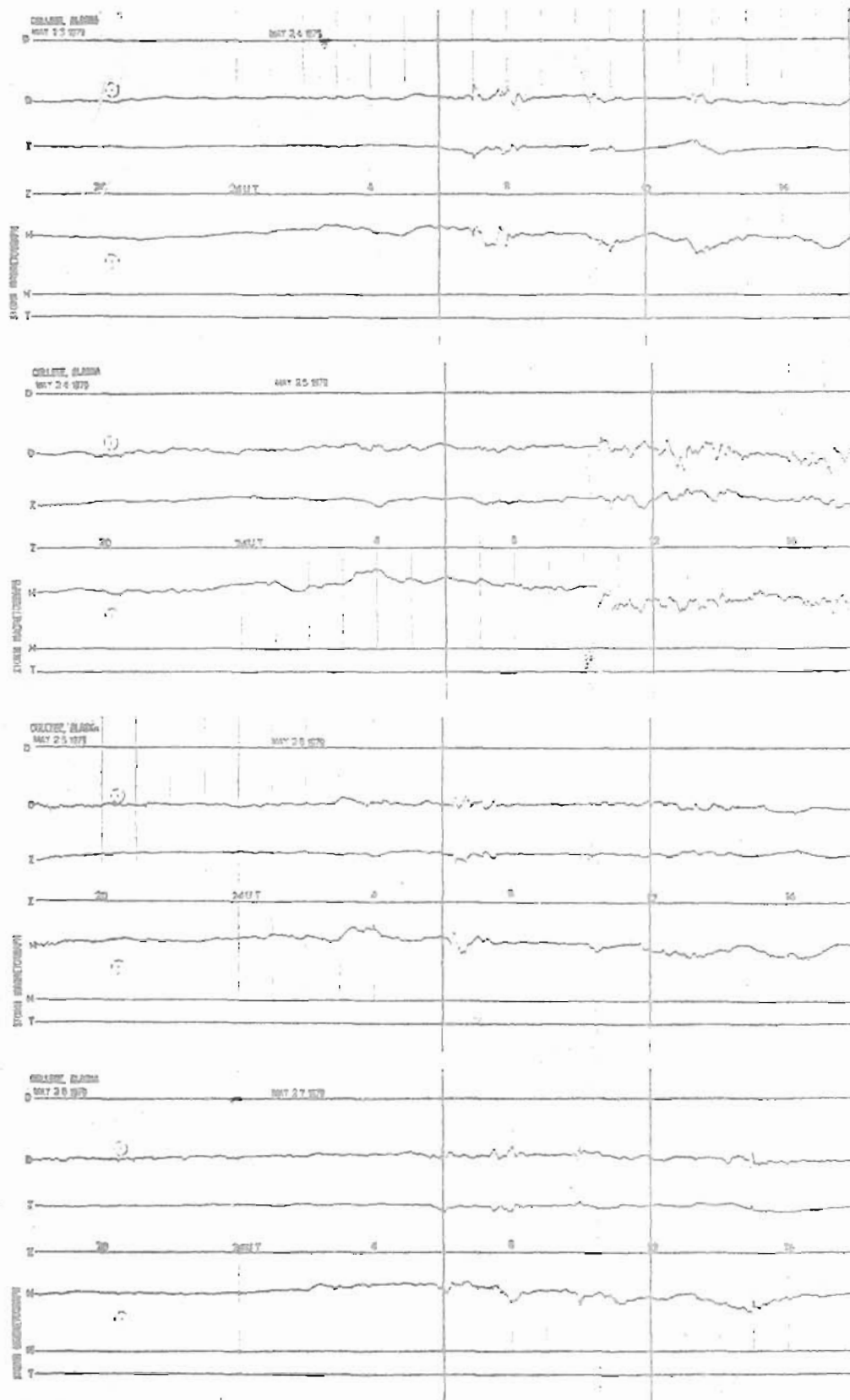
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