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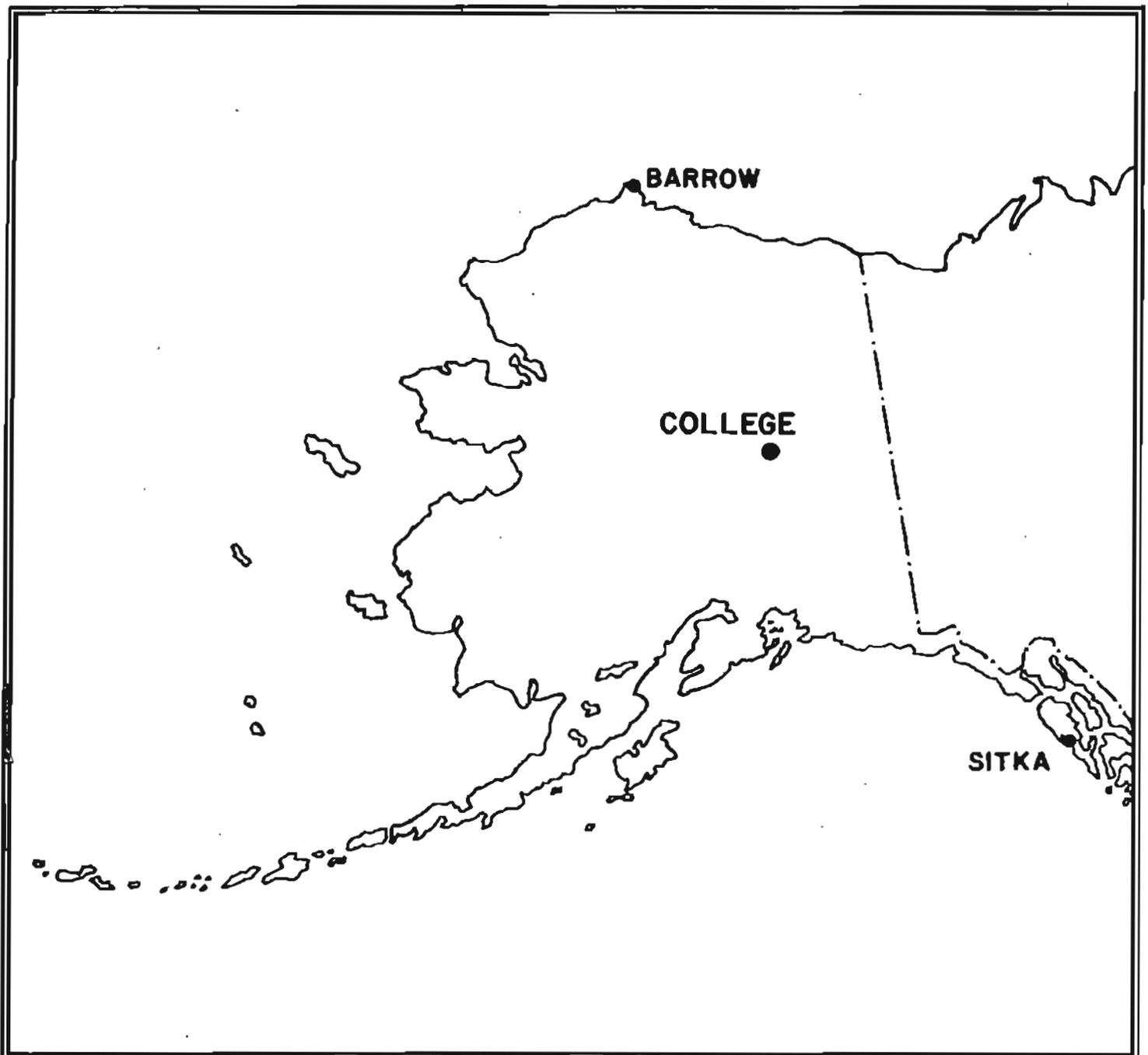
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

PRELIMINARY GEOMAGNETIC DATA COLLEGE OBSERVATORY FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

FEBRUARY 1981

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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 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
11-50	1
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 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.....+54.6°
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 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:

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

MONTH AND YEAR

FEBRUARY 1981

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	SUM				
1	1	3	4	3	5	2	2	3	23	17	SUDDEN COMMENCEMENTS d h m		
2	3	3	4	4	5	5	5	2	31	29			
3	2	2	5	4	5	3	1	1	23	20			
4	1	1	0	2	0	3	2	1	10	05			
5	1	3	4	8	7	7	4	2	36	75			
6	2	2	1	4	7	8	7	6	37	81			
7	5	4	4	2	1	0	0	0	16	14			
8	0	0	0	0	3	5	3	3	14	12			
9	4	5	5	4	5	1	0	0	24	25			
10	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	02	01			
11	0	0	0	0	5	3	3	2	13	11			
12	2	2	3	4	3	0	2	1	17	10			
13	0	0	1	4	3	2	1	0	11	07			
14	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	04	02			
15	0	0	0	1	3	6	3	2	15	15			
16	2	2	0	5	4	3	1	0	17	13			
17	1	0	2	3	2	3	1	0	12	06			
18	0	0	0	0	3	1	1	1	06	03			
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22	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	04	02			
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24	1	1	1	2	5	5	4	3	22	19			
25	3	4	7	6	4	5	3	3	35	46			
26	3	3	4	6	4	6	6	3	35	42			
27	3	4	6	6	5	5	3	2	34	40			
28	3	2	1	3	2	3	1	2	17	09			
29											POSSIBLE SOLAR-FLARE EFFECTS BASED ON INSPECTION OF GRAMS ALONE (WITHOUT REFERENCE TO DATA FROM OTHER SOURCES)		
30													
31													
												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

3.75

2560

H

321.7

7.81

2510

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
FEBRUARY

YEAR
1981

DATE	TIME U.T.	NATURE OF PHENOMENON ¹	REMARKS
08	1346	ssc*	
15	08XX	pi2	
Mar. 01	0738	ssc*	
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
FEBRUARY 1981

WDC-A FOR SOLAR-TERRRESTRIAL PHYSICS
ENVIRONMENTAL DATA SERVICE, NOAA
BOULDER, COLORADO 80502 U.S.A.

Data from Individual Observatories:

Obs. Z 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	05	04XX	..	..	..	..	05	4	8	302	2080	1010	06 01
		06	09XX	..	..	..	..	06	6	8	294	1900	950	07 08
		08	1346	s.c.*	-14	-148	-15	08 09	6 2, 3, 5	5 5	95	880	350	09 15
		24	13XX	..	..	..	..	25	3	7	168	1180	580	28 00

NORMAL MAGNETOGRAPH					
COMPONENT	PERIOD		CALIBRATION		
	FROM	TO	SCALE VALUE		BASELINE
D	0000 U.T., 2-1-81	2400 U.T., 2-28-81	1.0/mm	3.78/mm	27° 46.7 E
H	0000 U.T., 2-1-81	2400 U.T., 2-16-81	7.88/mm		127538
	0000 U.T., 2-17-81	2400 U.T., 2-24-81	"		127448
	0000 U.T., 2-25-81	2400 U.T., 2-28-81	"		127528
Z	0000 U.T., 2-1-81	2400 U.T., 2-28-81	7.78/mm		551428

STORM MAGNETOGRAPH					
COMPONENT	PERIOD		CALIBRATION		
	FROM	TO	SCALE VALUE		BASELINE
D	0000 U.T., 2-1-81	2400 U.T., 2-28-81	7.8/mm	29.78/mm	23° 49.2 E
H	0000 U.T., 2-1-81	2400 U.T., 2-16-81	44.08/mm		115088
	0000 U.T., 2-17-81	2400 U.T., 2-24-81	"		114908
	0000 U.T., 2-25-81	2400 U.T., 2-28-81	"		115168
Z	0000 U.T., 2-1-81	2400 U.T., 2-28-81	48.68/mm		550548

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

MONTHLY MEAN ABSOLUTE VALUES*		
D	H	Z
28° 05.3 E	129938	553808

* COMPUTED FROM TEN QUIETEST DAYS DURING MONTH.

DAYS USED: FEB 4, 10, 13, 14, 17, 18, 19, 22, 23, 28

MAGNETOGRAM HOURLY SCALINGS
(UNIVERSAL TIME)

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR
Geological Survey, Columbia Radiation
Energy Research Center
Boulder, CO 80521

Station: 10 8000
Universal day: _____

Velocity in tenths of mm. and air averages for successive periods of one hour beginning at mid-night, (time of local day 2008 at T.) is hour 11 of the 8000
Shrinkage corrections have been applied. Negative values are in red, with minus sign shown.

Time	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
01	205	209	290	309	309	378	424	389	430	410	361	315	76	158	324	328	318	308	295	320	300	271	254	309	
02	300	297	332	364	363	348	334	374	328	420	352	349	225	52	112	163	80	128	284	354	319	307	299	305	
03	293	279	301	323	322	319	331	367	286	218	269	179	42	224	312	313	274	262	293	292	300	311	308	298	
04	280	279	309	316	328	324	328	333	341	333	323	310	300	315	309	280	156	274	282	285	270	268	270	281	
05	314	312	322	335	375	439	412	545	504	400	158	673	362	86	127	291	331	113	91	290	289	286	299	294	
06	319	318	312	329	319	319	299	309	312	335	319	303	362	425	814	11	242	763	779	148	164	12	147	243	
07	423	409	375	419	372	483	434	333	298	296	308	291	290	282	299	300	295	296	296	269	262	281	280	289	
08	283	285	290	299	303	307	305	304	299	299	298	302	308	308	319	329	300	112	262	301	303	299	253	261	
09	258	401	441	635	537	486	399	433	325	311	262	77	75	100	306	309	308	308	300	298	296	293	298	293	
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12	240	301	310	340	308	315	320	366	346	280	309	194	184	282	330	319	317	341	316	300	291	299	300	299	
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25	329	335	399	455	408	559	696	505	186	404	294	19	22	78	20	159	8	280	240	178	174	269	249	287	
26	329	392	384	395	408	443	569	572	494	392	248	60	67	221	182	196	169	248	231	31	147	342	321	318	
27	272	337	368	349	387	493	579	549	321	85	101	207	262	288	68	17	44	0	320	281	293	287	265	263	
28	284	295	275	338	339	358	321	312	337	339	293	296	289	261	275	187	243	299	274	252	259	235	241	283	
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U) Scaling error in because of magnetic storm.
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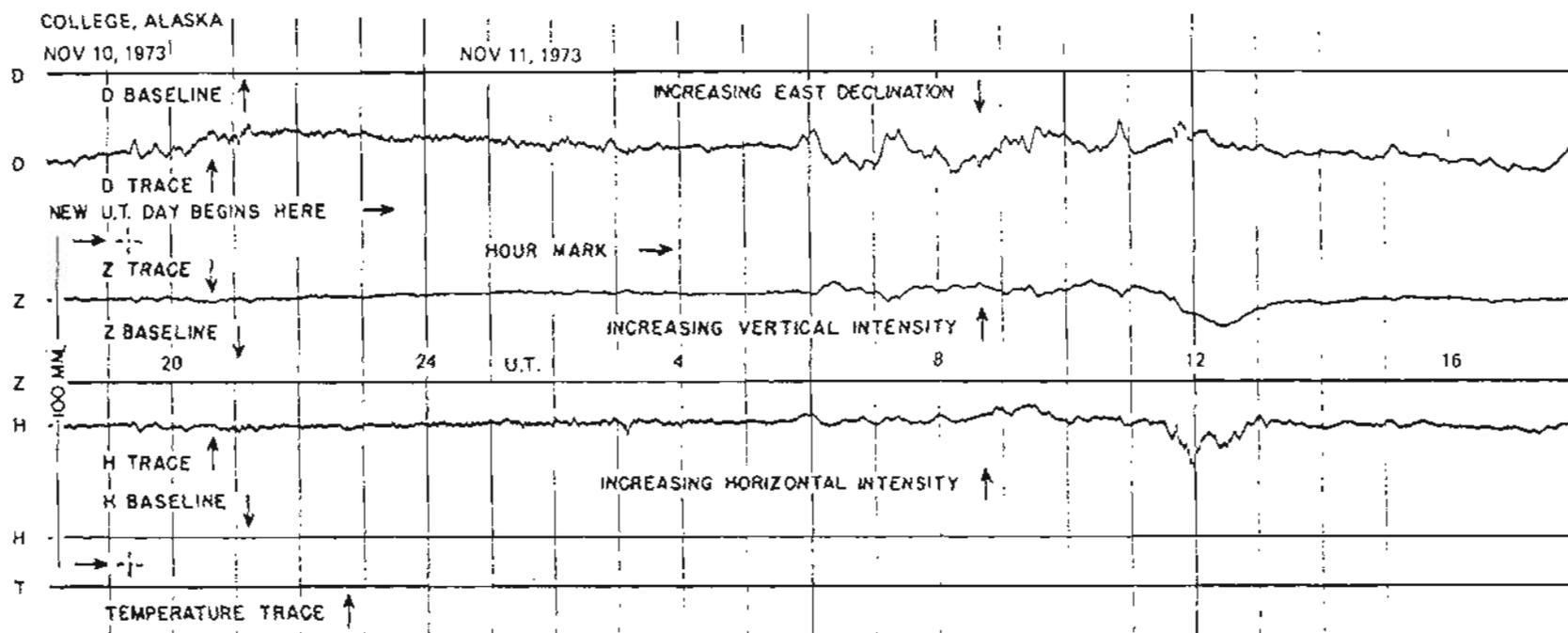
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 [] Significant portion of hour unrepresented.
 [] No record; or no values available because of faulty record.

* Derived from 8000M Magph. converted to Normal Magph.

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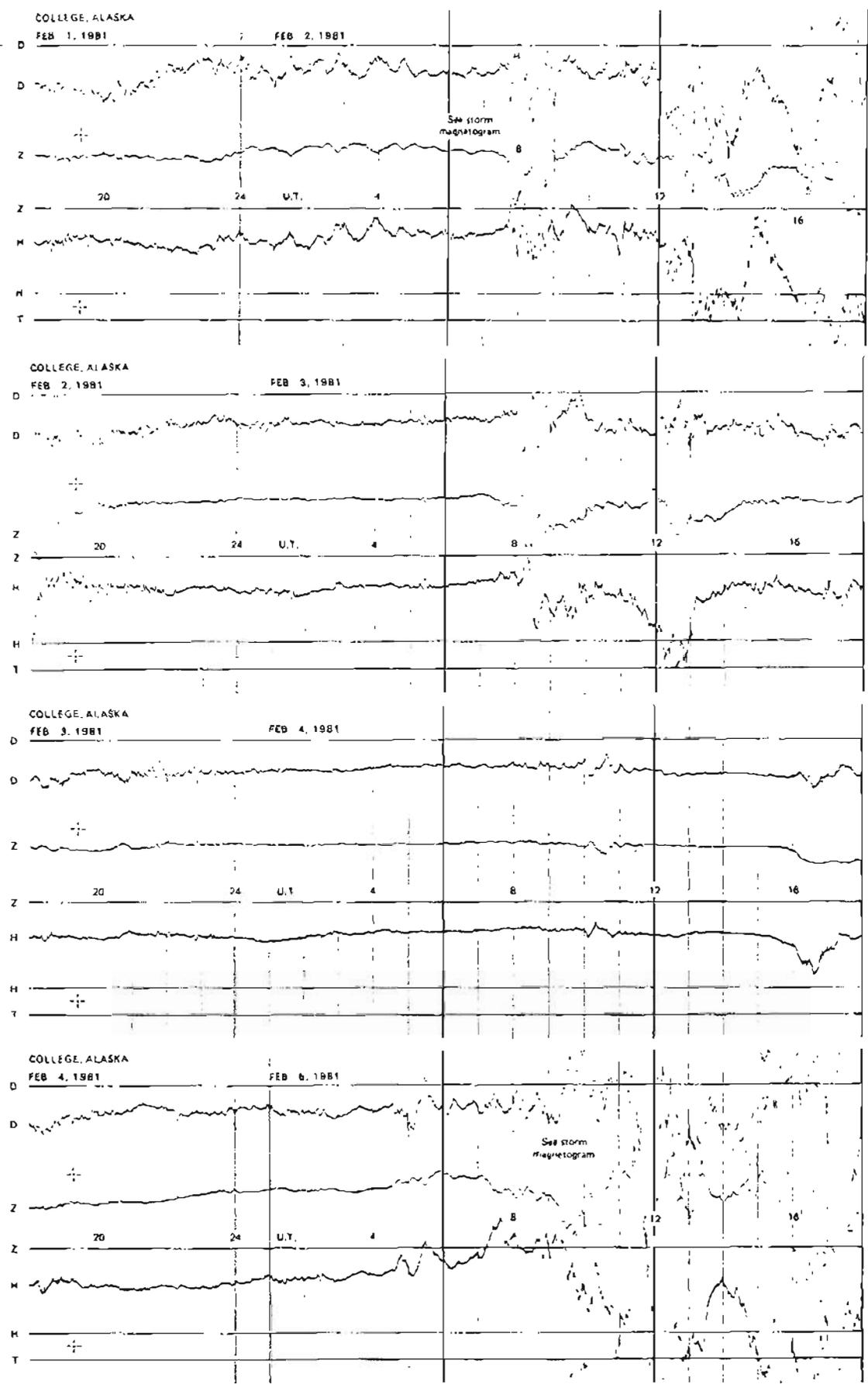
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FORMAT FOR NORMAL & STORM MAGNETOGRAMS (SAMPLE ONLY)

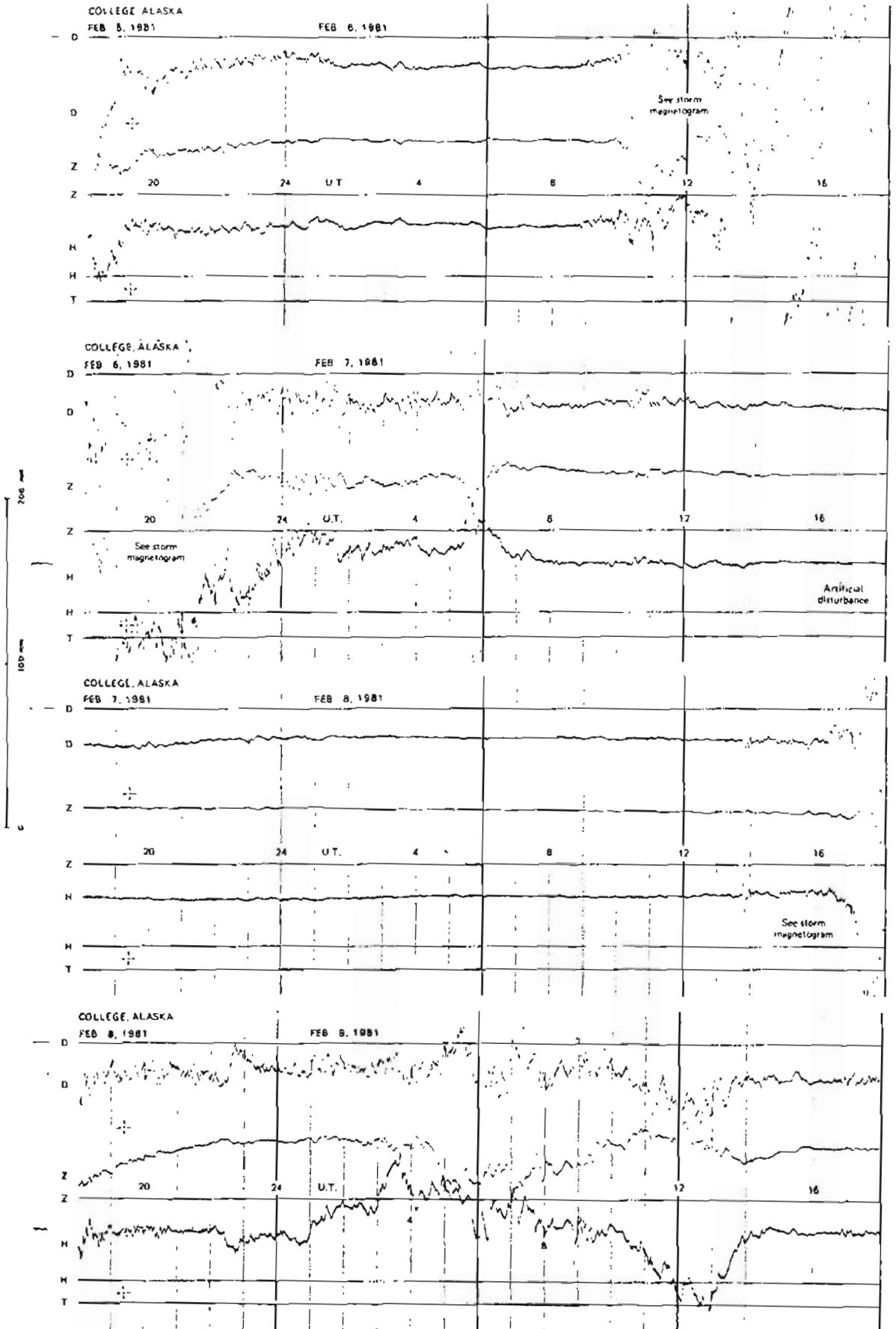


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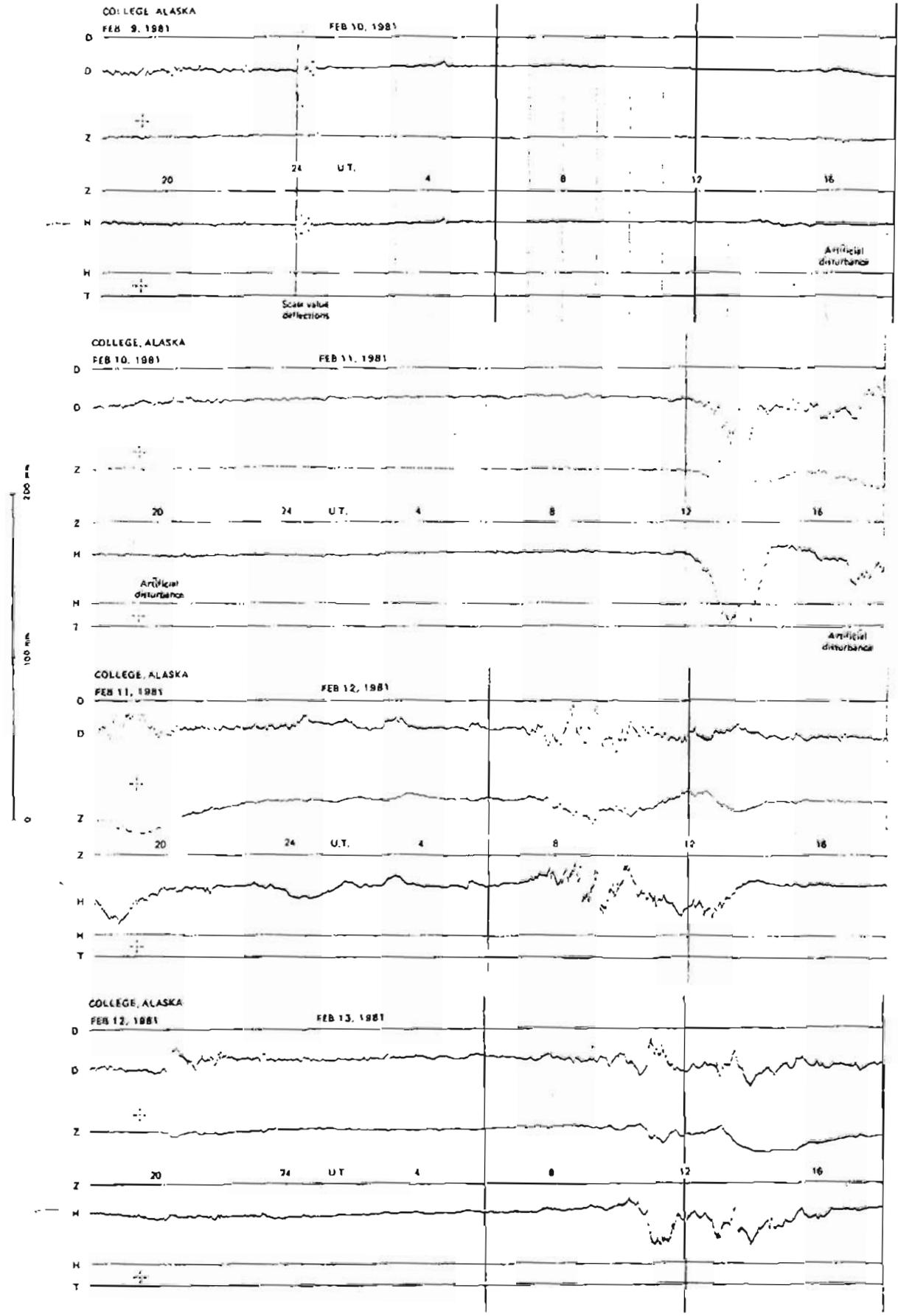
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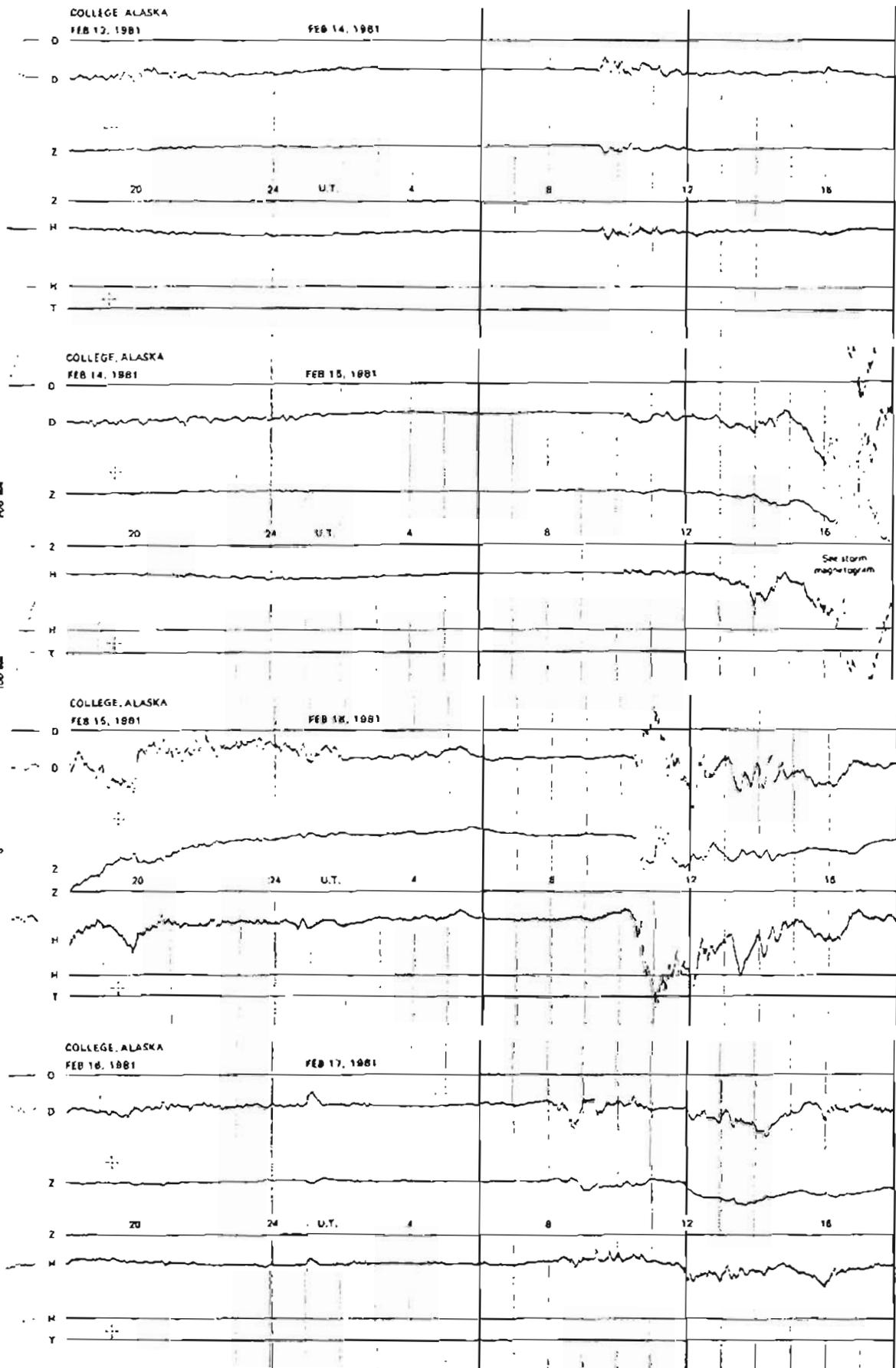
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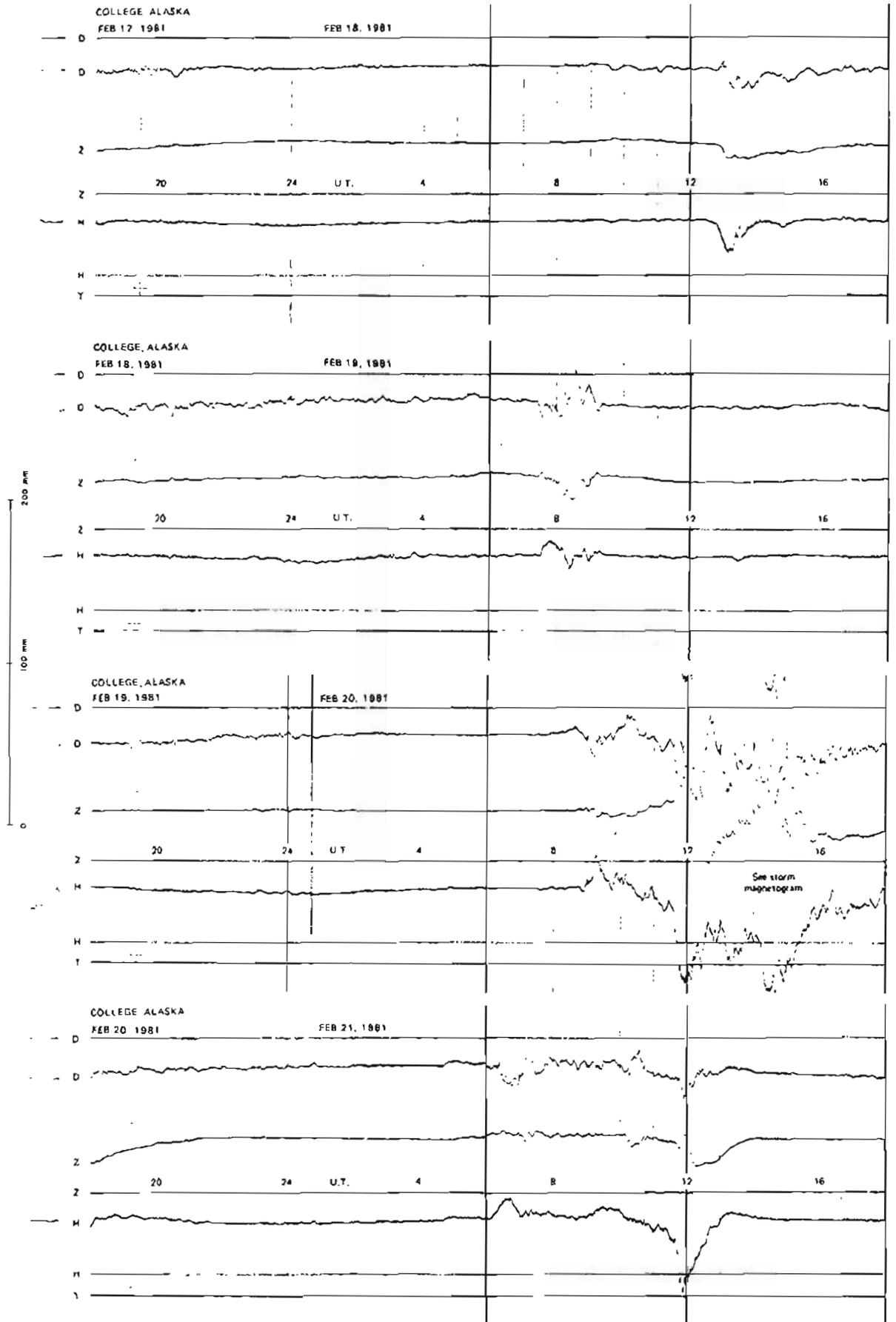
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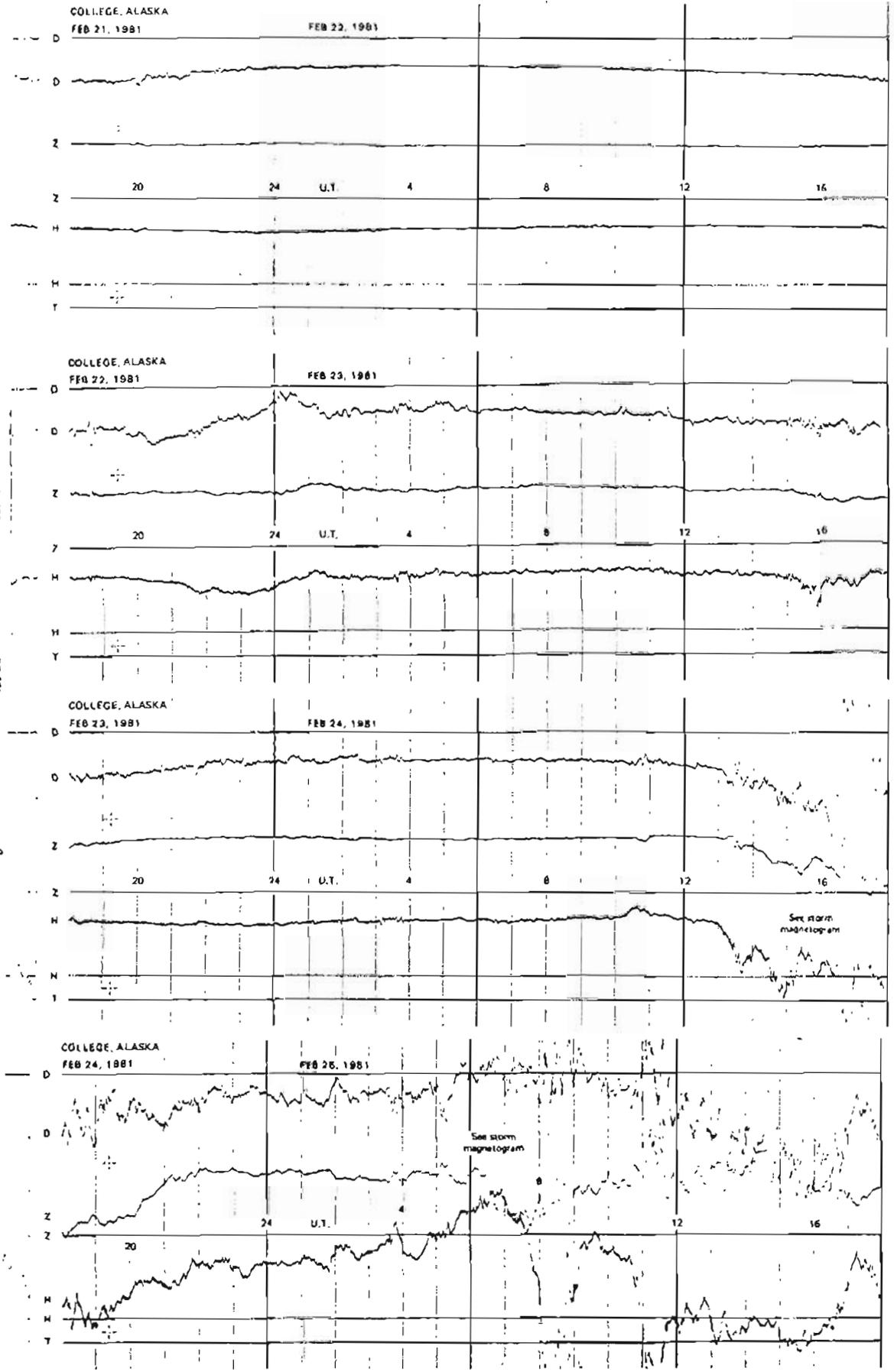
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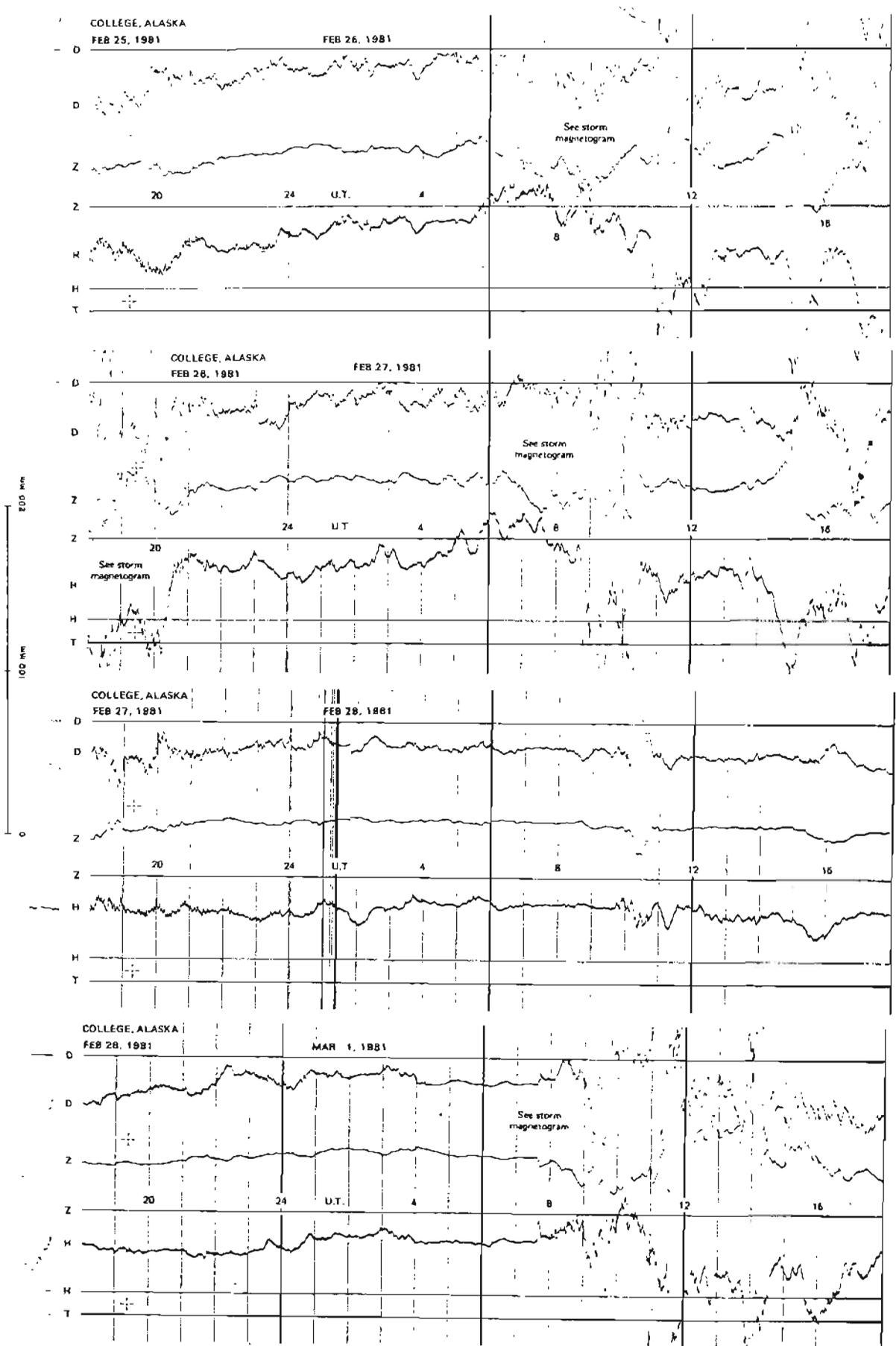
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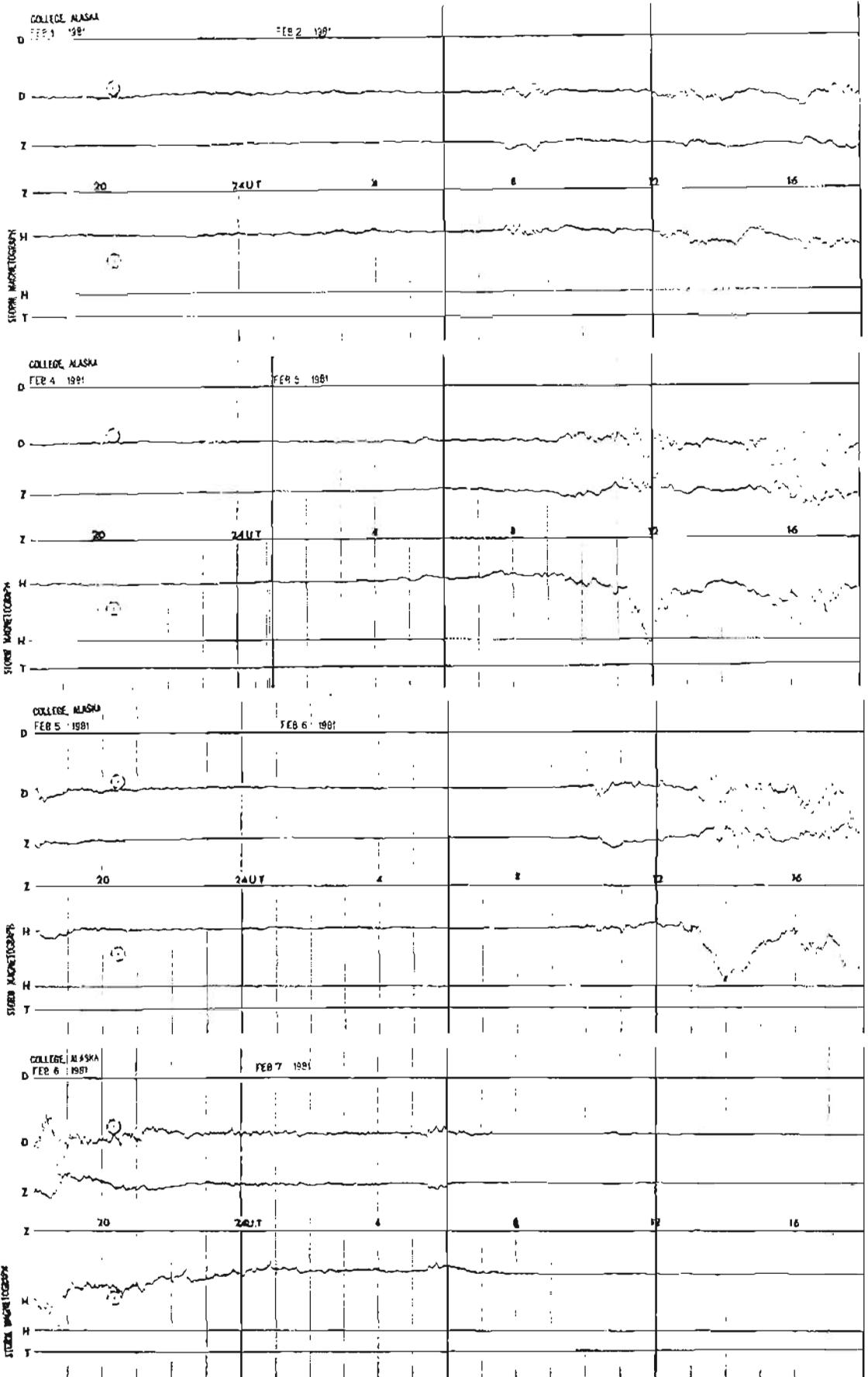
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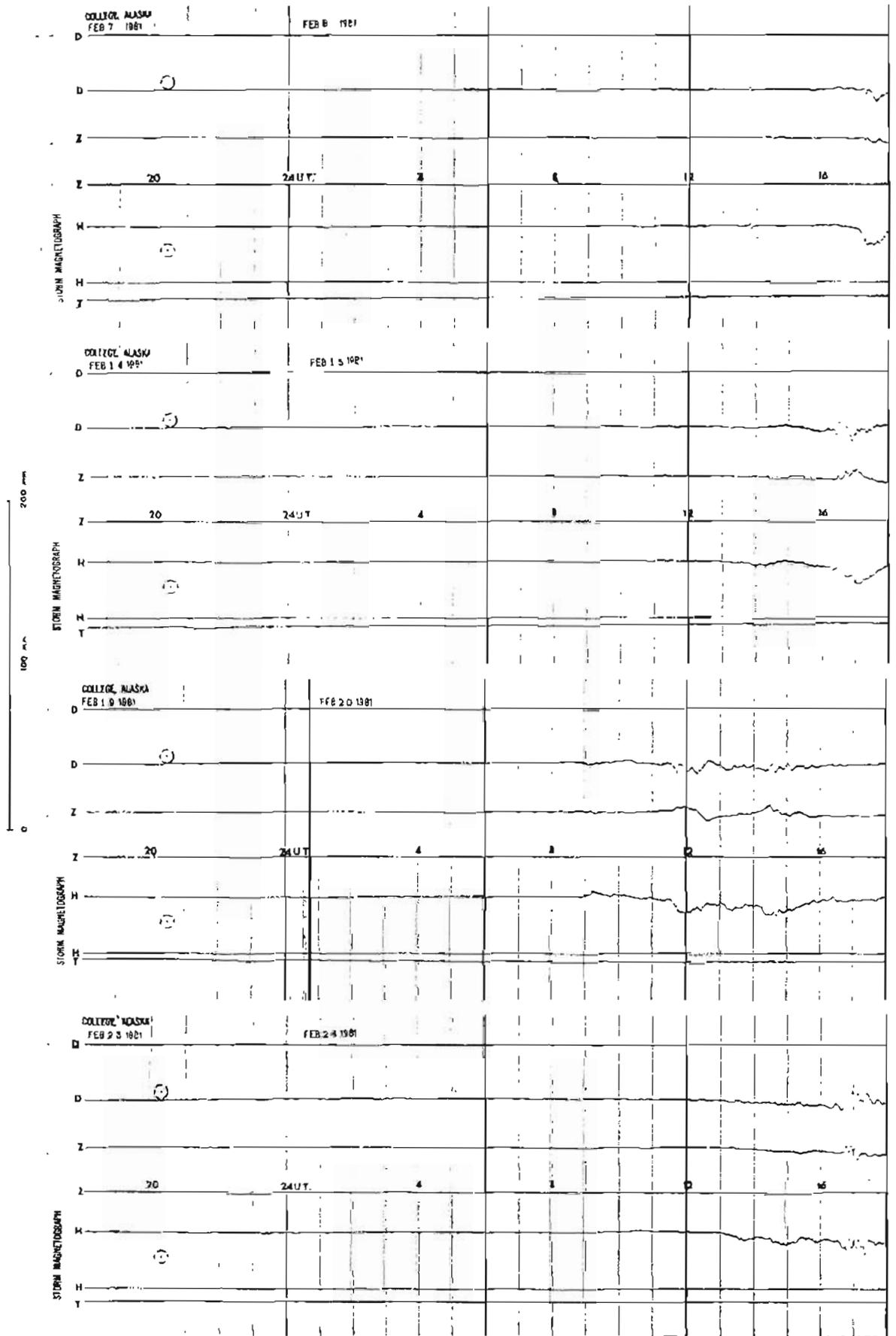
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