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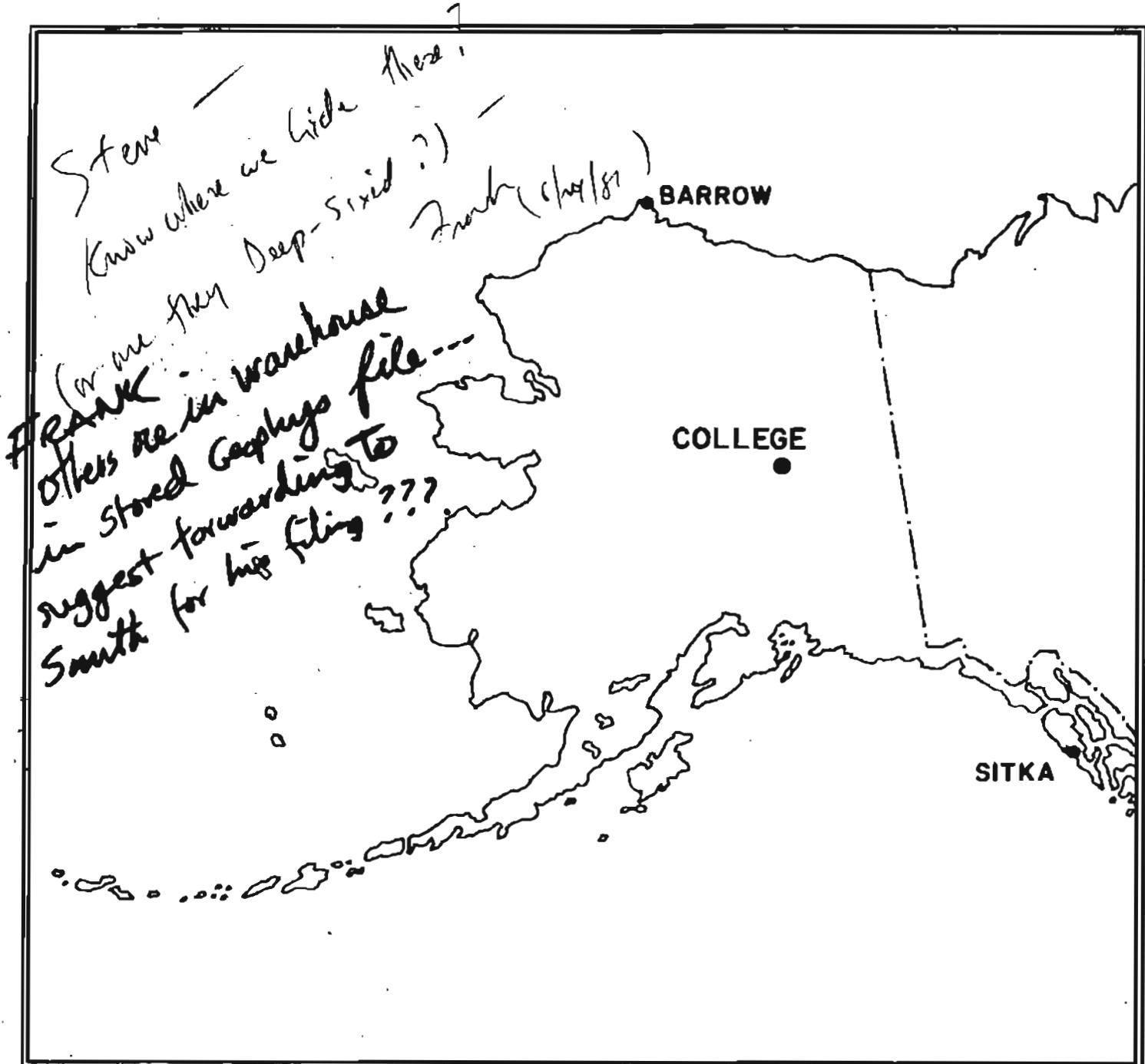
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

PRELIMINARY GEOMAGNETIC DATA
COLLEGE OBSERVATORY
FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

MAY 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:

COLLEGE OBSERVATORY
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-NJAA
Environmental Data Service
Boulder, Colorado 80302

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..... $64^{\circ}51.6'N$
Geographic longitude..... $147^{\circ}56.2'W$
Geomagnetic latitude..... $+64.6^{\circ}$
Geomagnetic longitude..... -256.5°
Elevation.....200 meters

GEOMAGNETIC DATA

Normal, Storm, and Rapid Run magnetograms and appropriate calibration units 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 10^y 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 ^y
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 (1Gy)

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
0-5	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 & Rapid Run records were reviewed at the observatory for selected magnetic phenomena and the events identified were forwarded to the IUGO 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.

Absolute, 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:

$D = D_0 + d \cdot S_D$; $H = H_0 + h \cdot S_H$; $Z = Z_0 + z \cdot S_Z$
where D_0 , H_0 , and Z_0 are absolute values;
 d , h , and z 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

MONTH AND YEAR

MAY 1981

MAGNETIC ACTIVITY
(Greenwich civil time, counted from midnight to midnight)

DATE	K-INDICES								AK	TIME SCALE ON MAGNETOGRAMS 20 mm hr		
	000	0306	0609	0912	1215	1518	1821	2124				
1	1	2	3	5	5	3	4	2	25	21	SUDDEN COMMENCEMENTS d h m	
2	3	2	2	4	3	1	1	1	17	10		
3	2	2	3	2	3	3	0	0	15	08		
4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	07	03		
5	0	0	0	0	3	1	1	1	06	03		
6	2	1	1	0	2	1	1	1	09	04		
7	1	2	1	1	0	0	1	1	07	03		
8	2	1	1	1	4	2	1	2	14	08		
9	5	5	6	3	5	3	2	2	31	34		
10	4	4	4	3	4	6	5	5	35	37		
11	6	6	6	5	5	3	3	2	36	47		
12	2	3	2	1	3	5	3	3	22	16		
13	3	4	2	1	2	1	1	1	15	09		
14	2	4	3	6	4	4	3	3	29	27		
15	4	7	6	5	6	5	5	4	42	62		
16	4	5	6	5	5	6	5	3	39	49		
17	2	2	1	2	4	4	2	4	21	14		
18	4	5	6	5	6	6	5	3	40	53		
19	3	3	4	4	5	4	3	3	29	24		
20	5	4	7	5	5	5	6	3	40	57		
21	3	3	2	4	4	2	2	3	23	15	POSSIBLE SOLAR-FLARE EFFECTS BASED ON INSPECTION OF GRAMS ALONE (WITHOUT REFERENCE TO DATA FROM OTHER SOURCES)	
22	3	2	3	3	2	1	1	1	16	09		
23	2	3	6	6	5	4	4	2	32	36		
24	3	4	4	5	5	5	3	3	32	30		
25	4	4	5	5	4	5	5	4	36	38		
26	3	3	3	3	3	1	1	1	18	11		
27	1	2	1	1	1	0	2	2	10	04		
28	2	4	2	4	3	3	1	2	21	14		
29	2	3	3	2	3	0	1	1	15	08		
30	1	1	2	2	1	3	2	1	13	06		
31	2	3	2	2	3	2	1	1	16	08		

K SCALE USED:	D	H	Z
LOWER LIMIT FOR K = 9.....	683.8	321.7	
CURRENT SCALE VALUE.....	3.75	7.81	
LOWER LIMIT FOR K = 9	2560	2510	

(mm)
(Y/mm)
(to nearest 10Y)

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 1981
DATE	TIME U.T.	NATURE OF PHENOMENON ¹	REMARKS
10	2208	si	
17	2302	ssc*	
IDENTIFIED BY: JEP		VERIFIED BY: EAS	

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

NOAA FORM 86-500
(11/73)

PRINCIPAL MAGNETIC STORMS

Data from Individual Observatories: COLLEGE OBSERVATORY, COLLEGE, ALASKA
MAY 1981

WDC-A FOR SOLAR-TERRESTRIAL PHYSICS
ENVIRONMENTAL DATA SERVICE, NOAA
BOULDER, COLORADO 80302 U.S.A.

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(γ)	Z(γ)	day	(3 hr - period)	K	D(')	H(γ)	Z(γ)	
CO	64° N	09	00XX	..	..	..	..	09	3	6	231	1330	1150	11 21
		14	09XX	..	..	..	..	15	2	7	265	1450	1070	17 05
		17	2302	s.c.*	+55	-332	..	20	3	7	246	1330	820	21 03
		23	03XX	..	..	..	..	23	3, 4	6	159	1170	590	26 06

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

MAY1981

NORMAL MAGNETOGRAPH

COMPONENT	PERIOD		CALIBRATION	
	FROM	TO	SCALE VALUE	BASELINE
D	0000 U.T., 5-1-81	2400 U.T., 5-31-81	1.0/mm	3.78/mm
B	0000 U.T., 5-1-81	2400 U.T., 5-31-81	7.88/mm	12763.8
Z	0000 U.T., 5-1-81	2400 U.T., 5-31-81	7.78/mm	55138.8

STORM MAGNETOGRAPH

COMPONENT	PERIOD		CALIBRATION	
	FROM	TO	SCALE VALUE	BASELINE
D	0000 U.T., 5-1-81	2400 U.T., 5-31-81	7.0/mm	29.78/mm
B	0000 U.T., 5-1-81	2400 U.T., 5-31-81	44.08/mm	11516.8
Z	0000 U.T., 5-1-81	2400 U.T., 5-31-81	48.68/mm	54025.8

RAPID RUN MAGNETOGRAPH

COMPONENT	PERIOD		CALIBRATION	
	FROM	TO	SCALE VALUE	
D				
B				
Z				

MONTHLY MEAN ABSOLUTE VALUES*

D	B	Z
28° 03.4 E	13001.8	55393.8

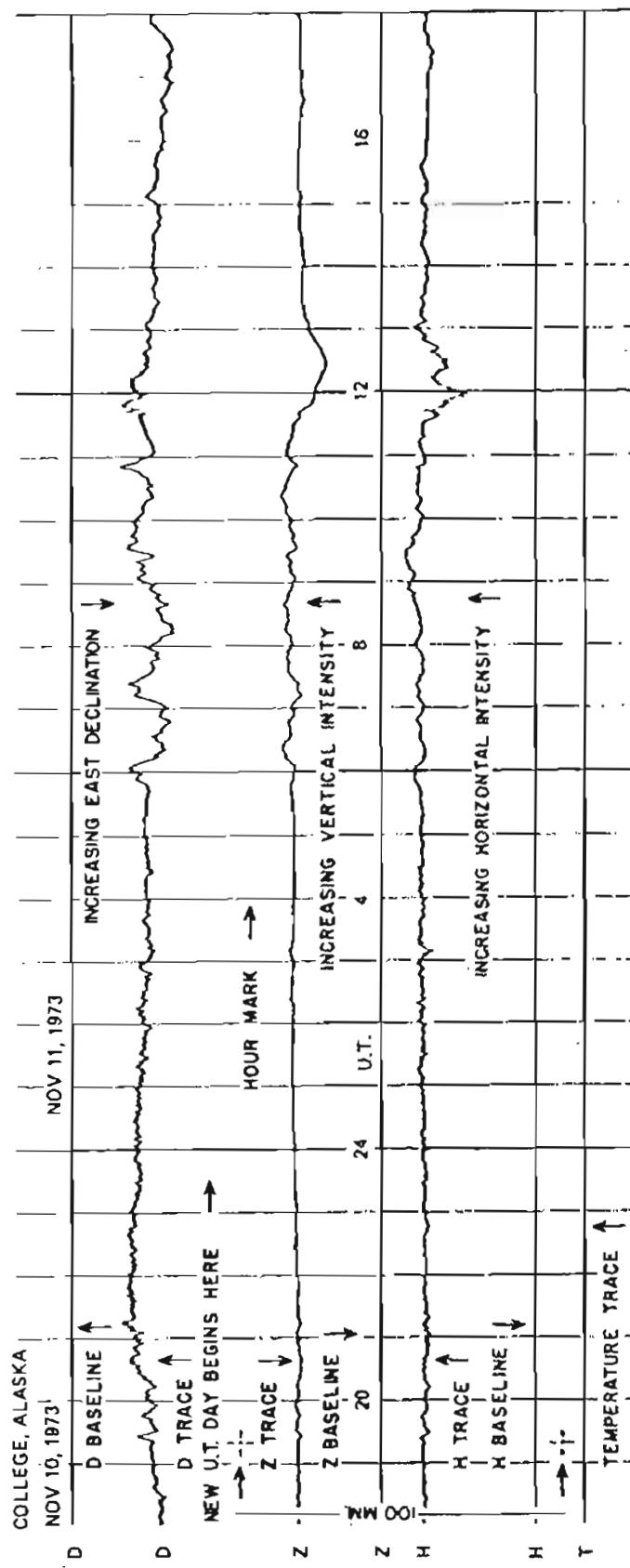
* COMPUTED FROM TEN QUIETEST DAYS DURING MONTH.

DAYS USED: MAY 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 27, 29, 30, 31

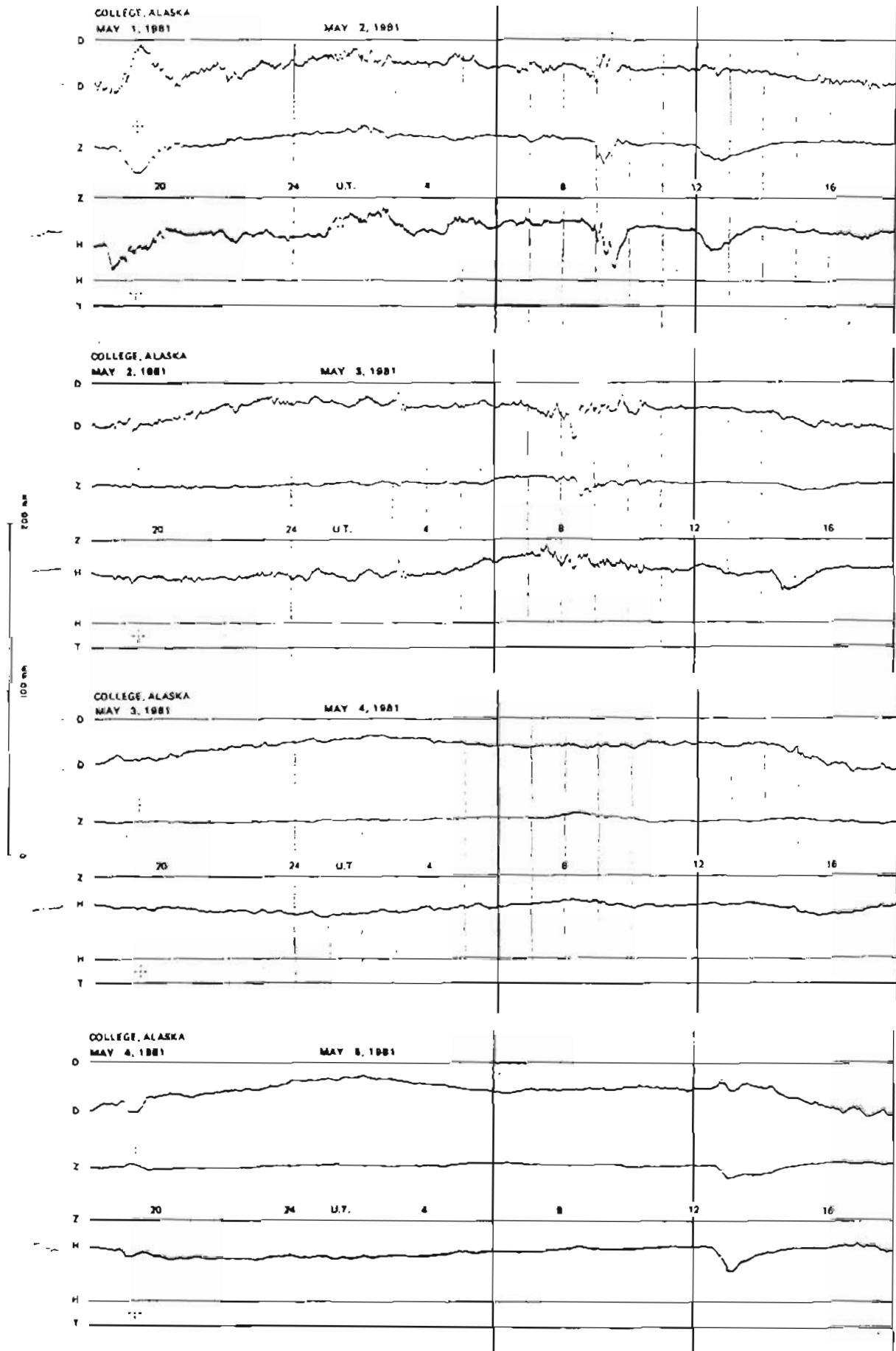
MAGNETOGRAF HOUMLY SCALINGS (UNIVERSAL TIME)																		U.S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR Geological Survey, Crustal Division Denver Federal Center Boulder, CO 80225				FORM 74-106	ORSY.	YEAR	MONTH	ELEM-				
C	Q	W	N	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	SUM		
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				17	71	58	91	149	144	150	134	123	143	150	109	130	17	128	140	200	243	296	343	320	320	268	203	252	310	4475
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				20	143	108	107	163	27	-28	-149*	-189*	-45	37	158	123	20	104*	303*	516*	207*	246	337	318*	293	302	109	128	115	3433
				21	81	60	98	68	90	90	163	160	135	168	129	110	21	100	176	180	215	280	294	317	252	290	210	125	60	3791
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				24	69	67	64	4	15	-57	13	-128*	34	-38*	0	132	24	114	118	228	378	326	287	242	247	276	126	68	180	2768
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CHECKED BY	JEP, EAS		Interval Beginning Value Scale Value																		<input type="checkbox"/> Significant portion of hour interpolated.		<> Record all short for part or all of hour; if value is given, curve was estimated for missing part.		MONTHLY MEAN 151					
REVIEWED BY	JEP																				<input type="checkbox"/> No record; or no values available because of faulty record.		DATES WITH GAPS:							
PUNCHED BY																					Declared from STORM Map, converted to Normal Map.									

FORM 14-104		MAGNETOGRAAM HOURLY SCALINGS (UNIVERSAL TIME)																				U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE Geodetic Survey, Magnetic Division Denver Federal Center 3247 Federal Center Denver, Colorado 80225		DMY	YEAR	MONTH	DAY	
		Values are in units of micro, and are averages for successive periods of one hour beginning at midnight, from 01 of first day to 5000 M.T. to hour 11 of the GRIMES universal day.																				00	01	02	03			
C	Q	Q	T	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	SUM
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		02	266	361	389	301	320	343	350	348	350	212	320	310	02	230	291	312	295	279	280	283	271	268	268	275	289	7201
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		16	414	637	479	455	599	517	94	502	167*	144	19	-42*	16	-335	87*	-5	112	135	-268	-92*	238	240	281	280	339	4823
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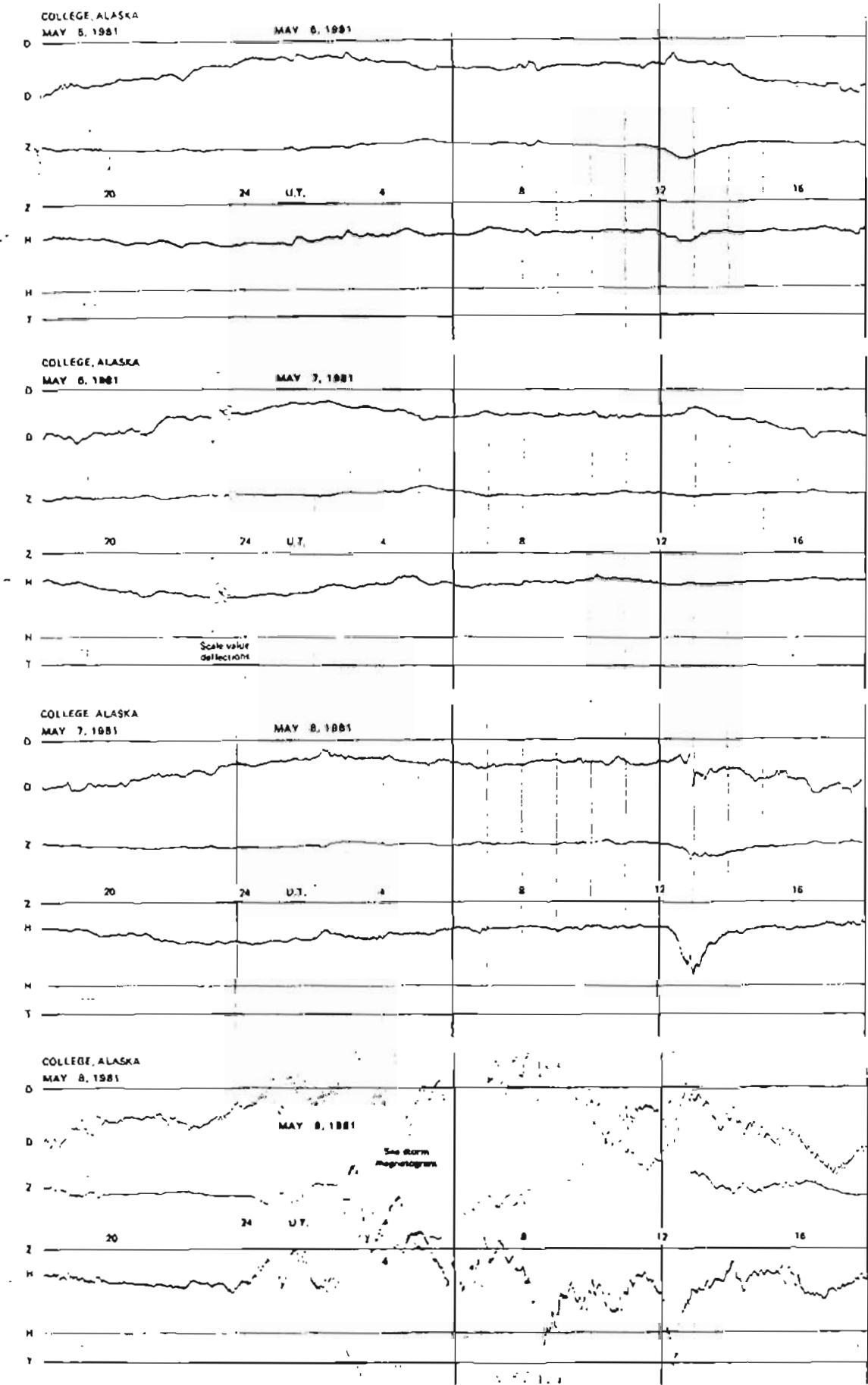
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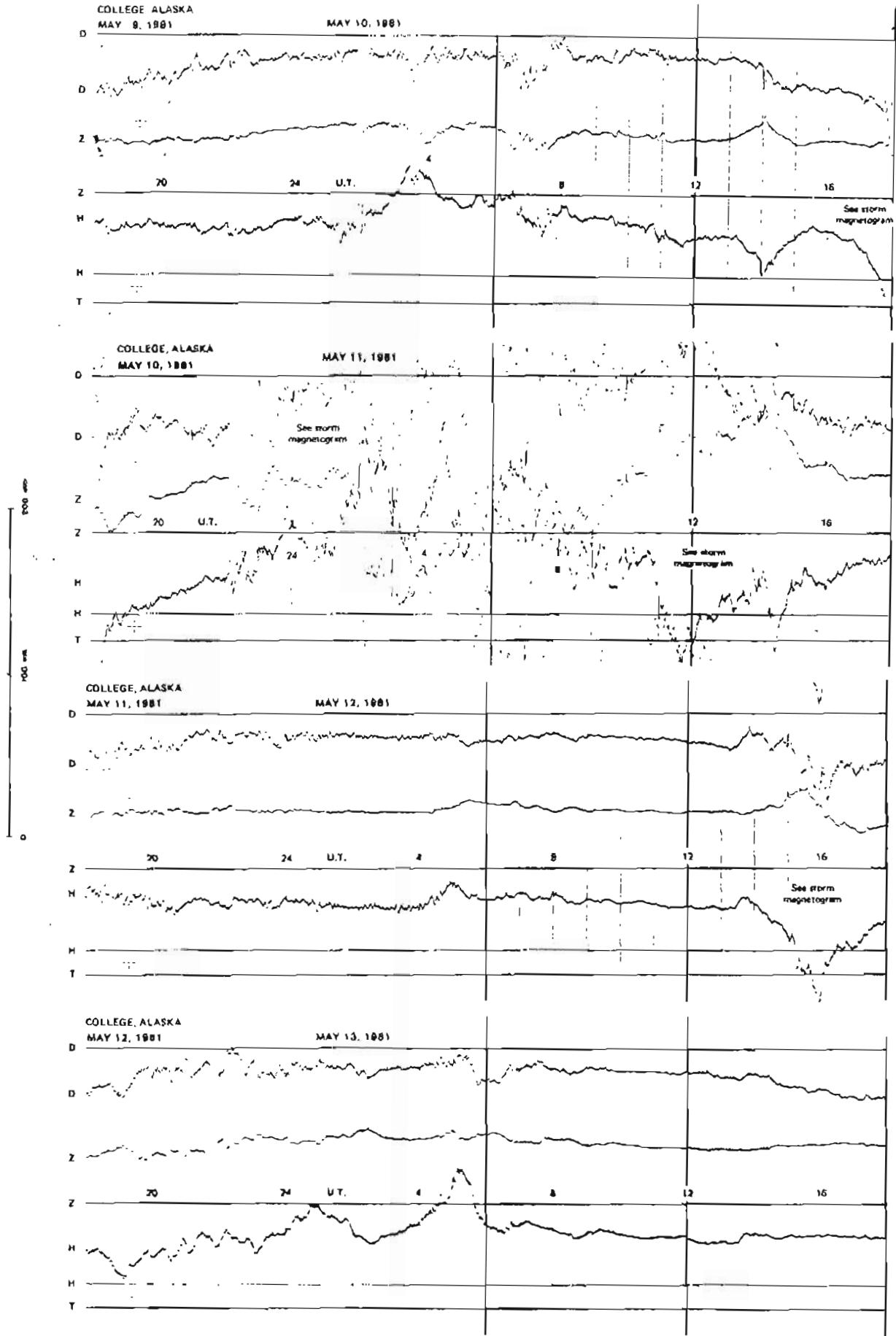
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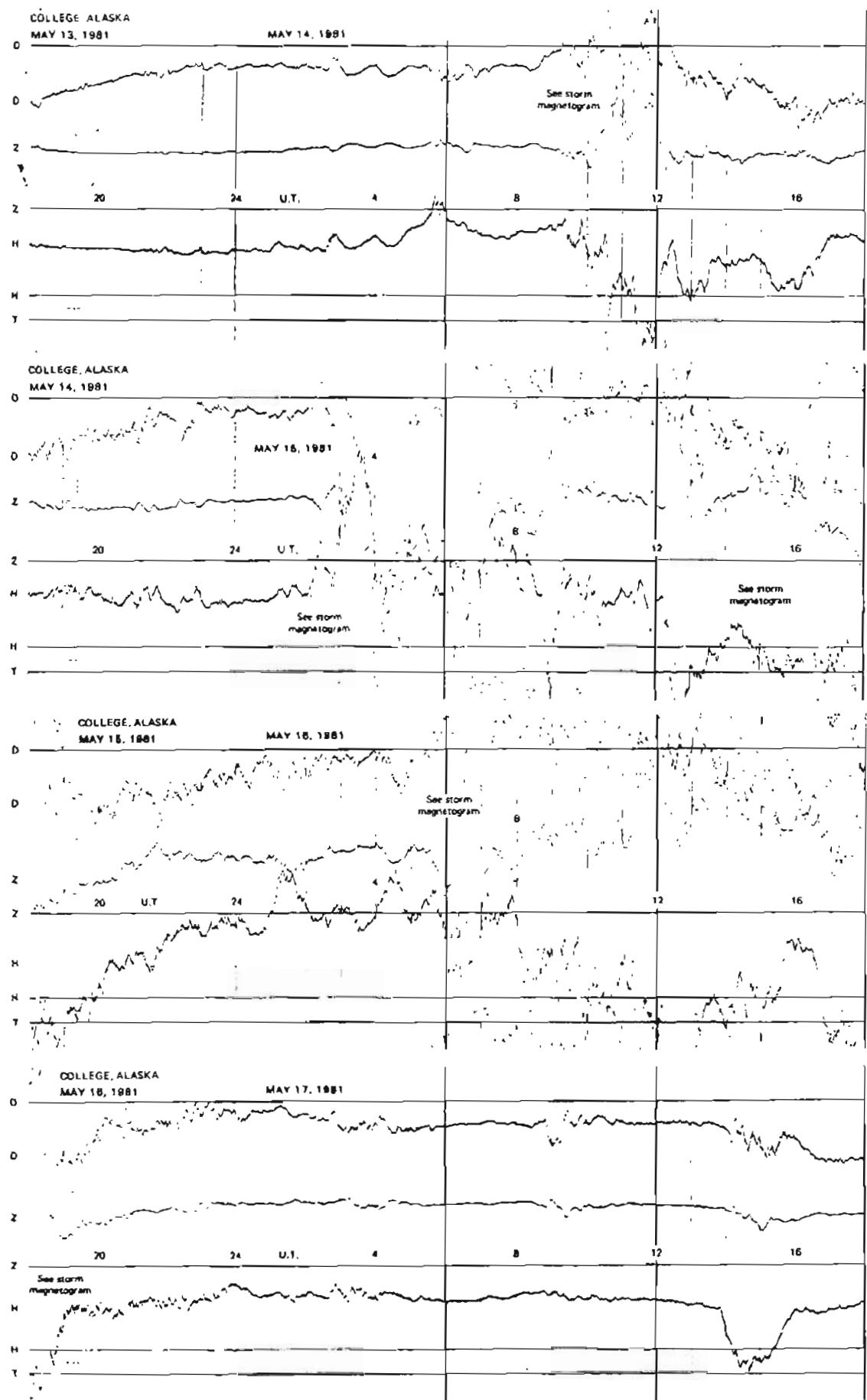
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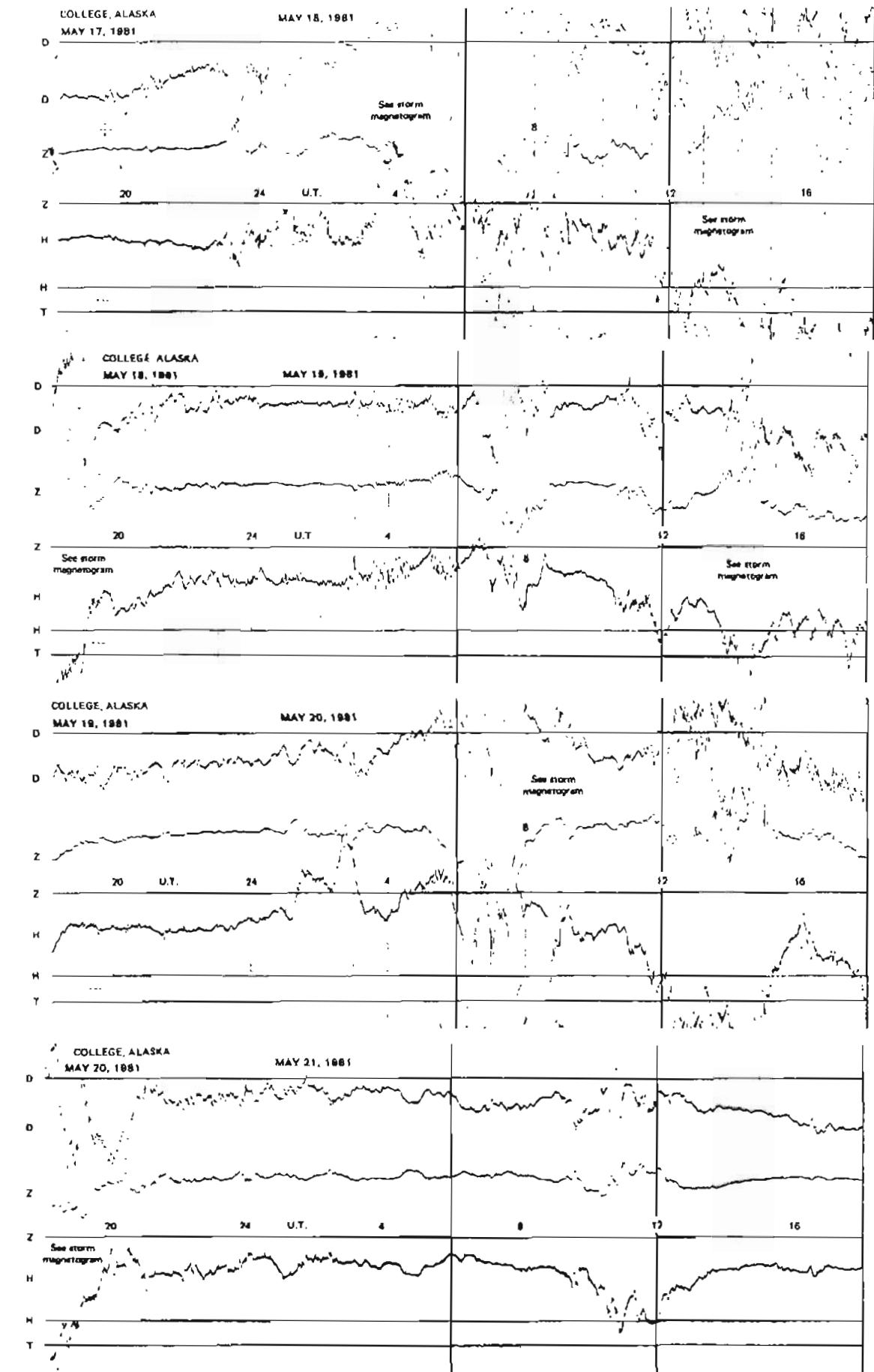
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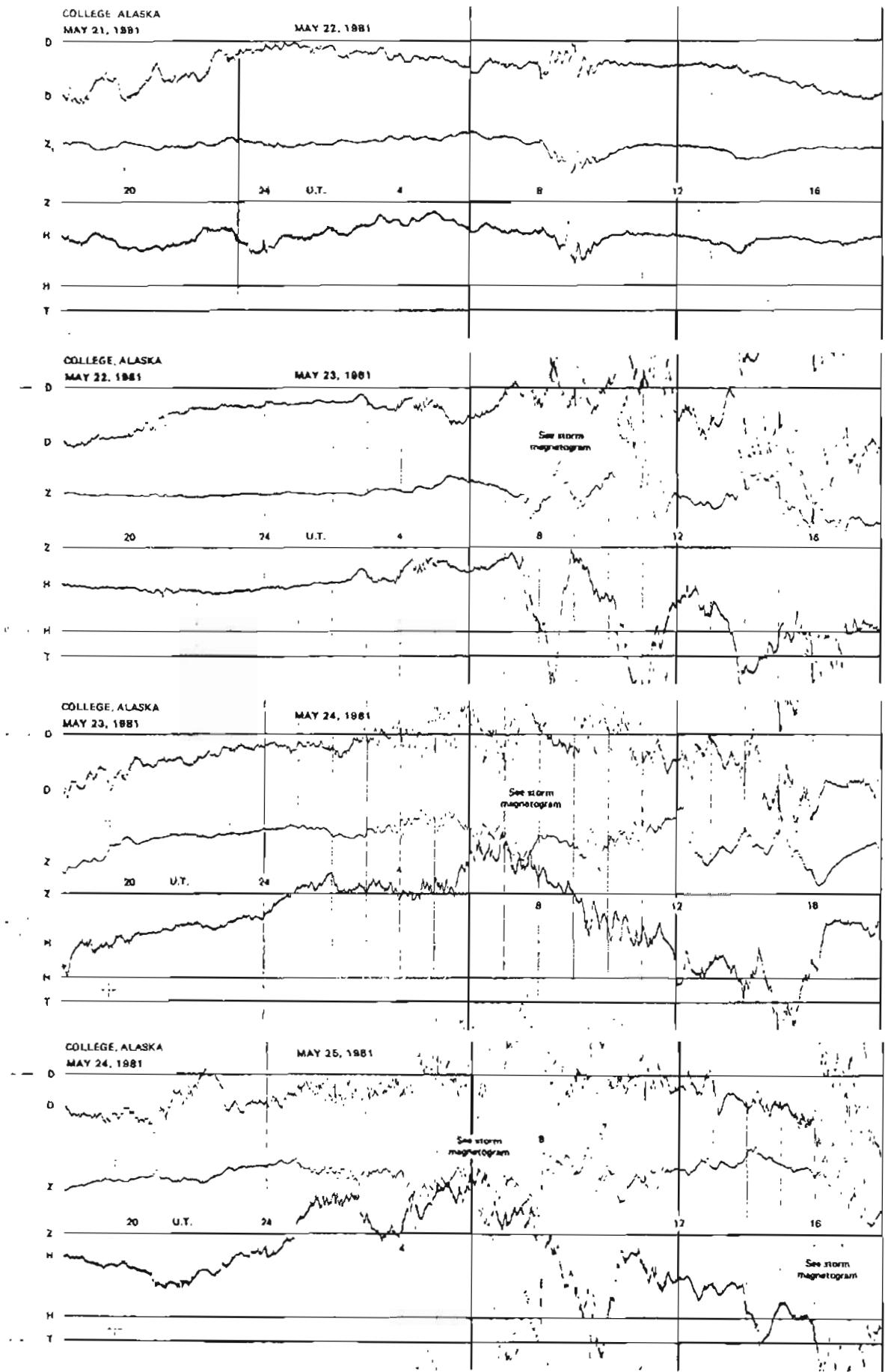
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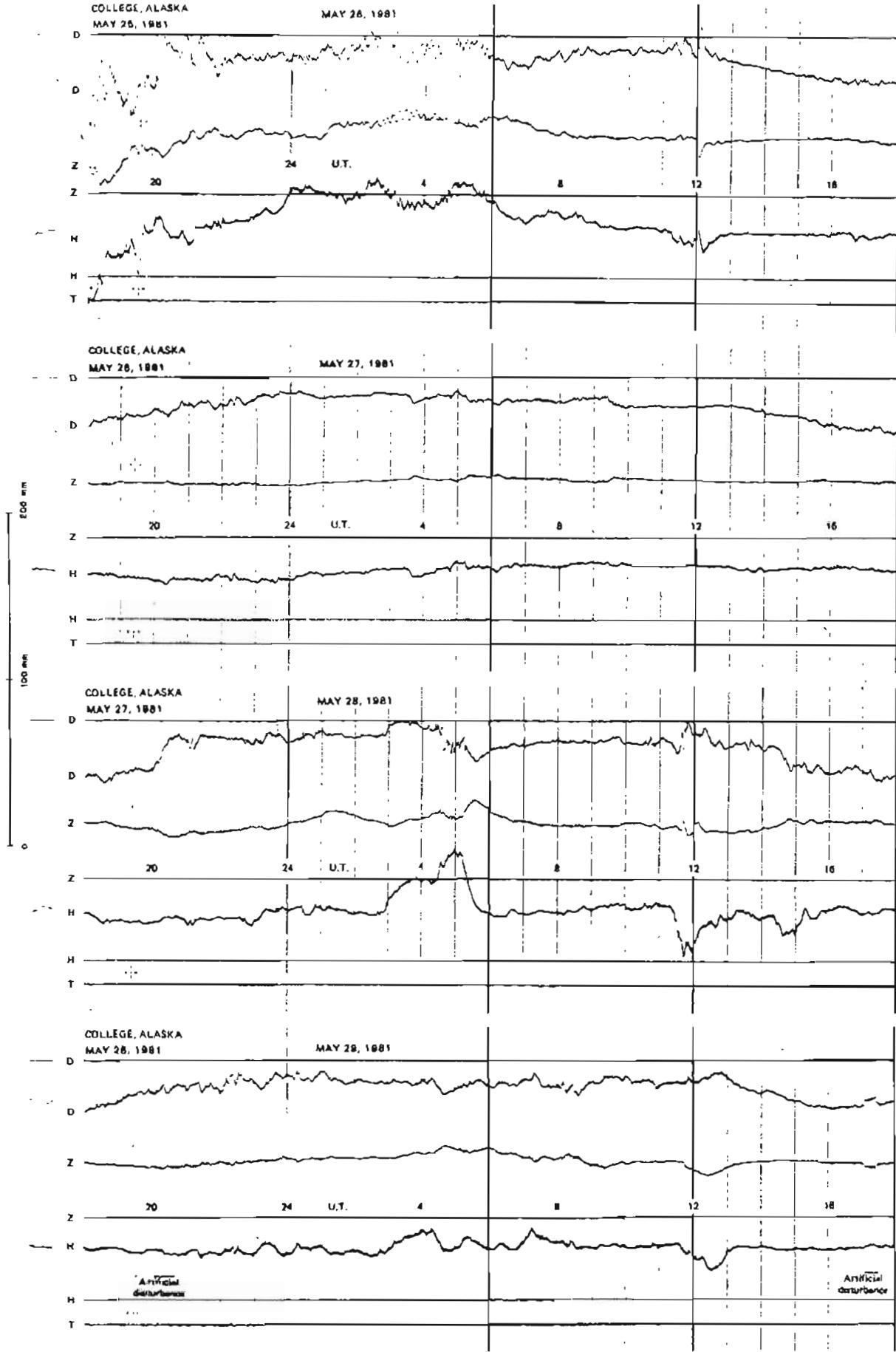
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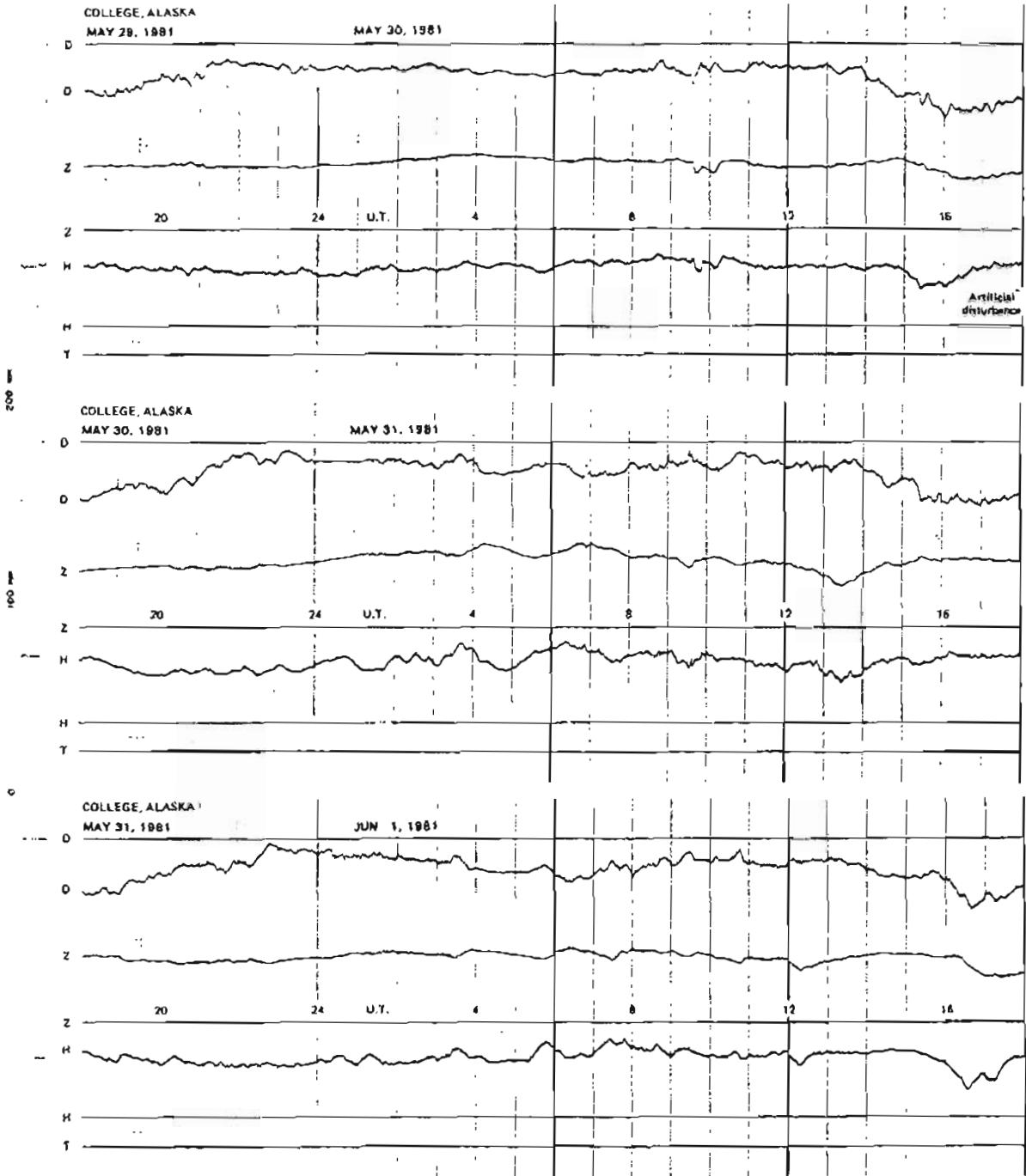
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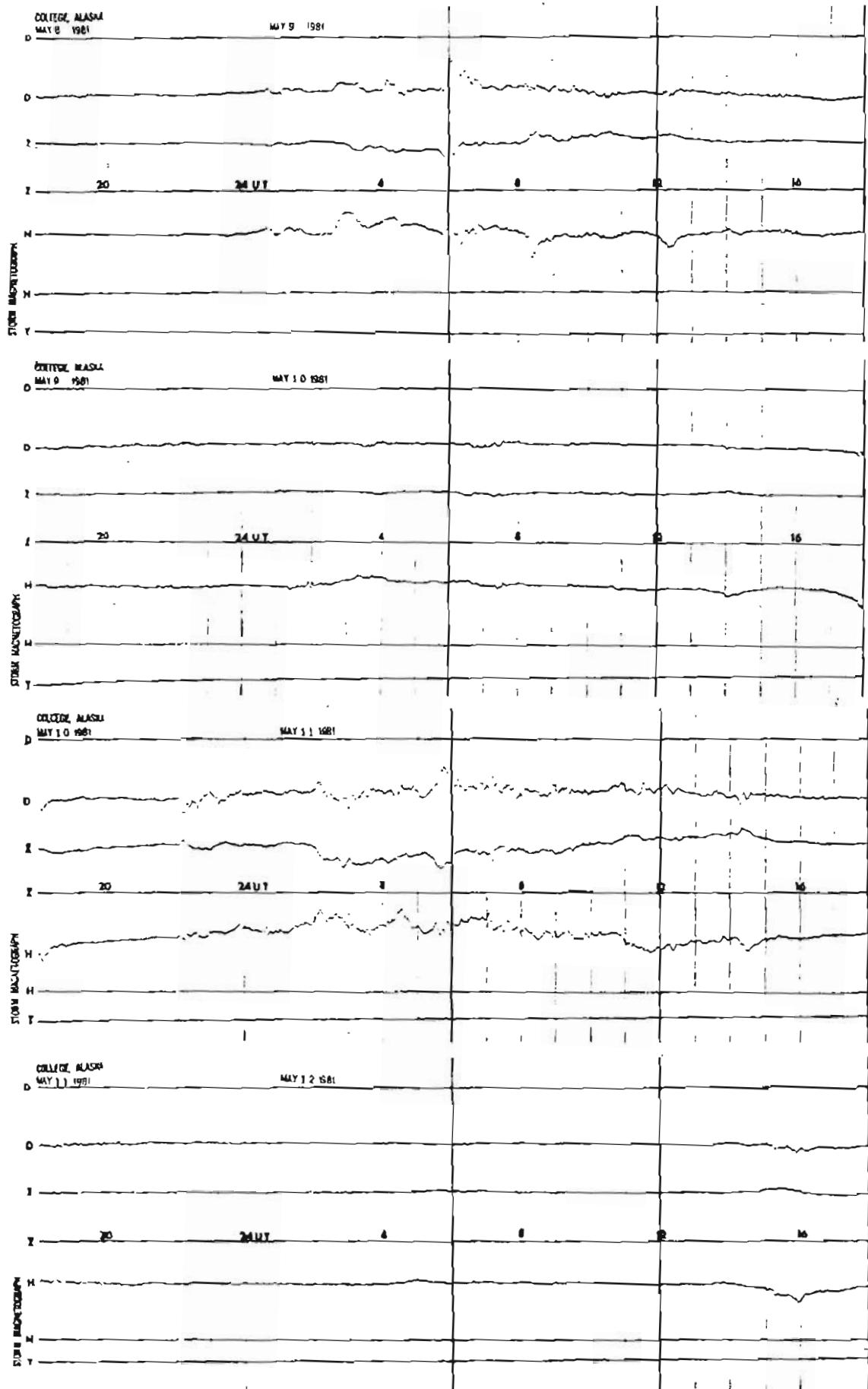
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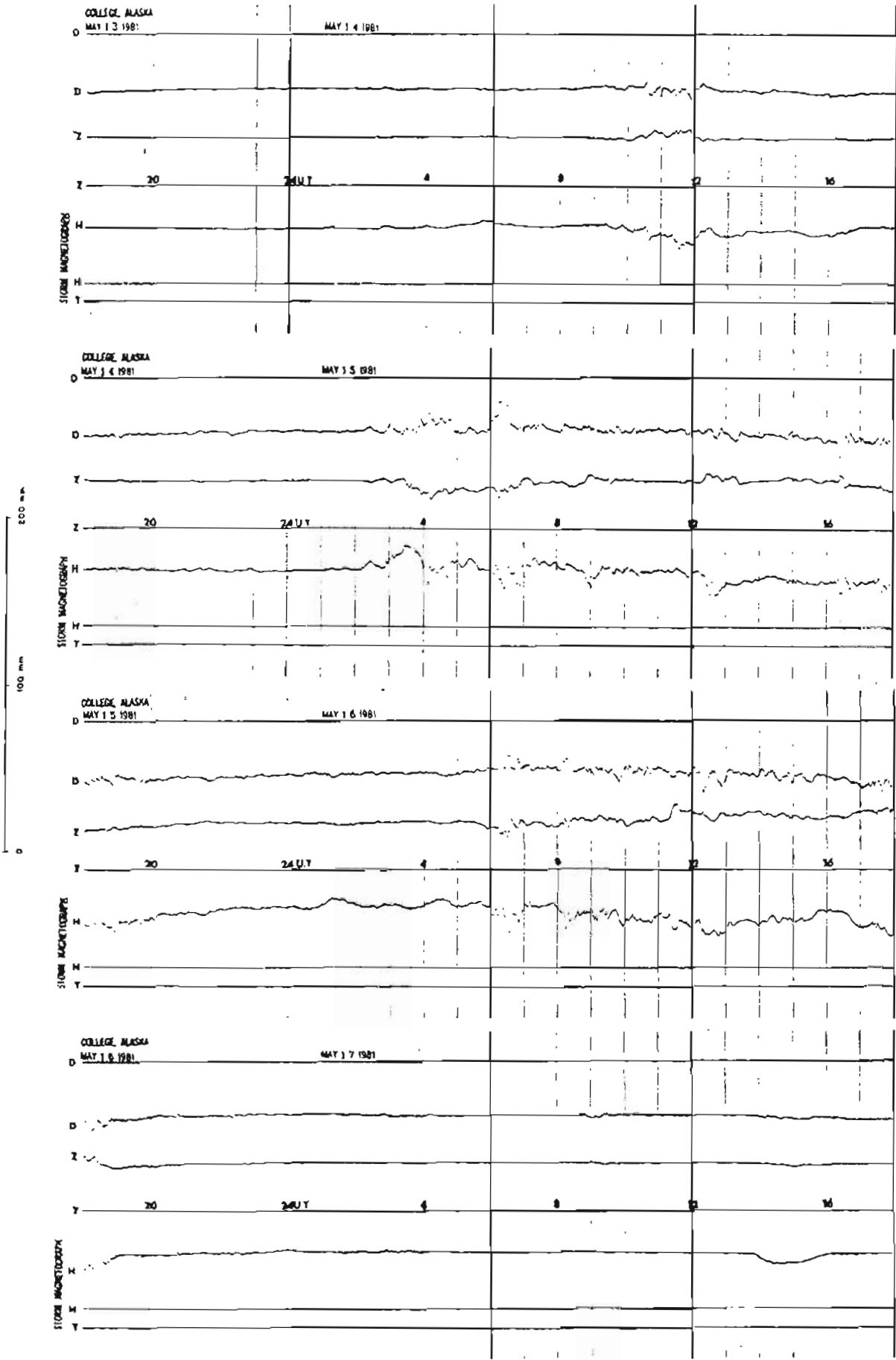
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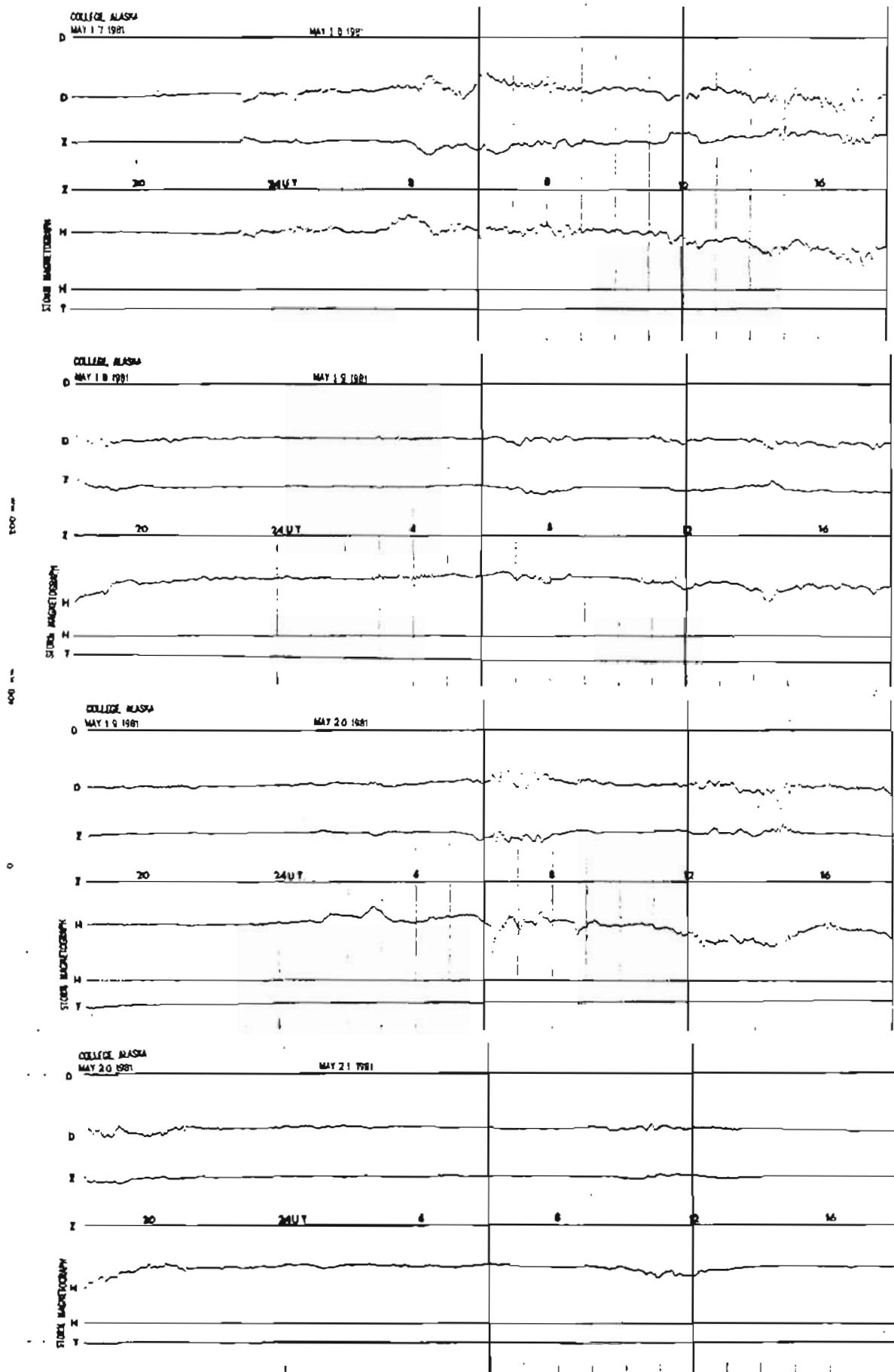
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