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PRELIMINARY GEOMAGNETIC DATA

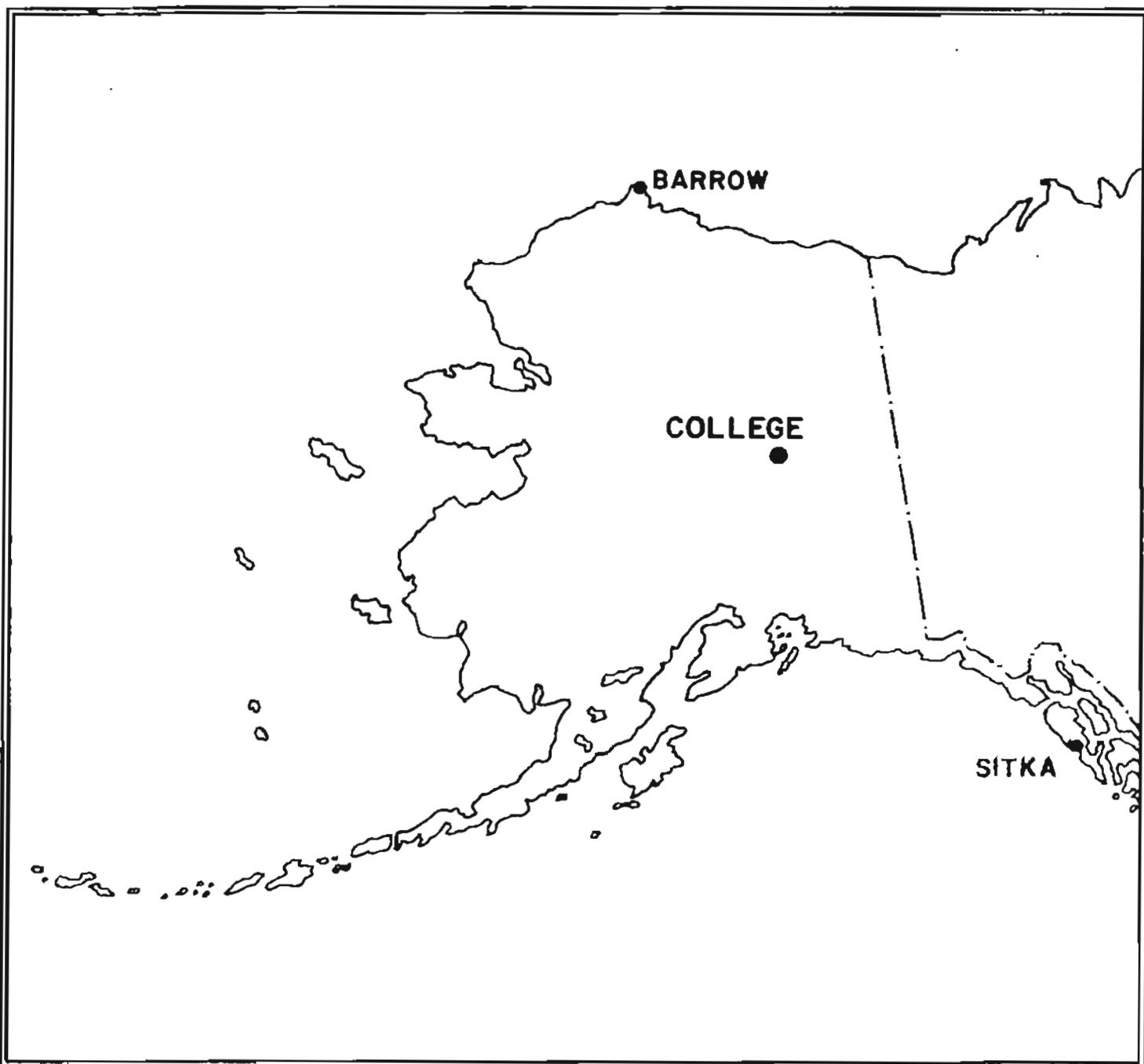
COLLEGE OBSERVATORY

FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

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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-NOAA
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°51.6'N
Geographic longitude.....147°50.2'W
Geomagnetic latitude.....+64.6°
Geomagnetic longitude.....+236.5°
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 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.

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.

OUTSTANDING MAGNETIC EFFECTS

OBSERVATORY
COLLEGE, ALASKA

MONTH
AUGUST

YEAR
1981

DATE	TIME U.T.	NATURE OF PHENOMENON ¹	REMARKS
10	0433	ssc*	With pc5 activity.
15	20XX	pc5	
17	0045	ssc*	With pc5 activity.
IDENTIFIED BY: JBT		VERIFIED BY: JEP	

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

Data from Individual Observatories:

COLLEGE OBSERVATORY, COLLEGE, ALASKA
AUGUST 19 81

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

Obs. 2 letter IAGA code	Geomag. lat.	Commencement			SC - amplitudes			Max. 3 hr. - index K			Ranges			UT End	
		day	hr min (UT)	type	D(')	H(Y)	Z(Y)	day	(3 hr - period)	K	D(')	H(Y)	Z(Y)	day	hr
CO	64.06 N	17	0045	s.c.*	-25	+235	-17	17	3, 4	6	161	1060	730	18	20
		18							5, 6	6					
		23	00XX	..	..	..	..	23	3, 4, 5, 6	6	133	1400	760	25	19

NORMAL MAGNETOGRAPH					
COMPONENT	PERIOD		CALIBRATION		
	FROM	TO	SCALE VALUE		BASELINE
D	0000 U.T. 8-1-81	2400 U.T. 8-31-81	1.0/mm	3.78/mm	27° 46.8 E
H	0000 U.T. 8-1-81	2400 U.T. 8-24-81	7.88/mm		12772 X
	0000 U.T. 8-25-81	2400 U.T. 8-31-81	"		12778 X
Z	0000 U.T. 8-1-81	2400 U.T. 8-24-81	7.78/mm		55134 X
	0000 U.T. 8-25-81	2400 U.T. 8-31-81	"		55130 X

STORM MAGNETOGRAPH					
COMPONENT	PERIOD		CALIBRATION		
	FROM	TO	SCALE VALUE		BASELINE
D	0000 U.T. 8-1-81	2400 U.T. 8-31-81	7.8/mm	29.78/mm	23° 46.6 E
H	0000 U.T. 8-1-81	2400 U.T. 8-24-81	44.08/mm		11537 X
	0000 U.T. 8-25-81	2400 U.T. 8-31-81	"		11546 X
Z	0000 U.T. 8-1-81	2400 U.T. 8-31-81	48.68/mm		54017 X

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

MONTHLY MEAN ABSOLUTE VALUES*		
D	H	Z
28° 02.5 E	12984 X	55390 X

* COMPUTED FROM TEN QUIETEST DAYS DURING MONTH.

DAYS USED: AUG 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 20, 26, 31

MAGNETICGRAM HOURLY SCALINGS

(UNIVERSAL TIME)

Values are in tenths of mm, and are averages for successive periods of one hour beginning at midnights. Hour 01 of local day 0508 (M.T.) is hour 11 of the GMT. Universal time.

Shrinkage corrections have been applied. Negative values are in red, with minus signs shown.

C	U	T	R	N	H																								SUM	YEAR	MONTH	FILE-MENT
					01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24				
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□ No record; or no value available because of faulty record.

* Derived from SLOTH Magph., converted to Normal Magph.

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MAGNETOGRAM HOURLY SCALINGS
(UNIVERSAL TIME)

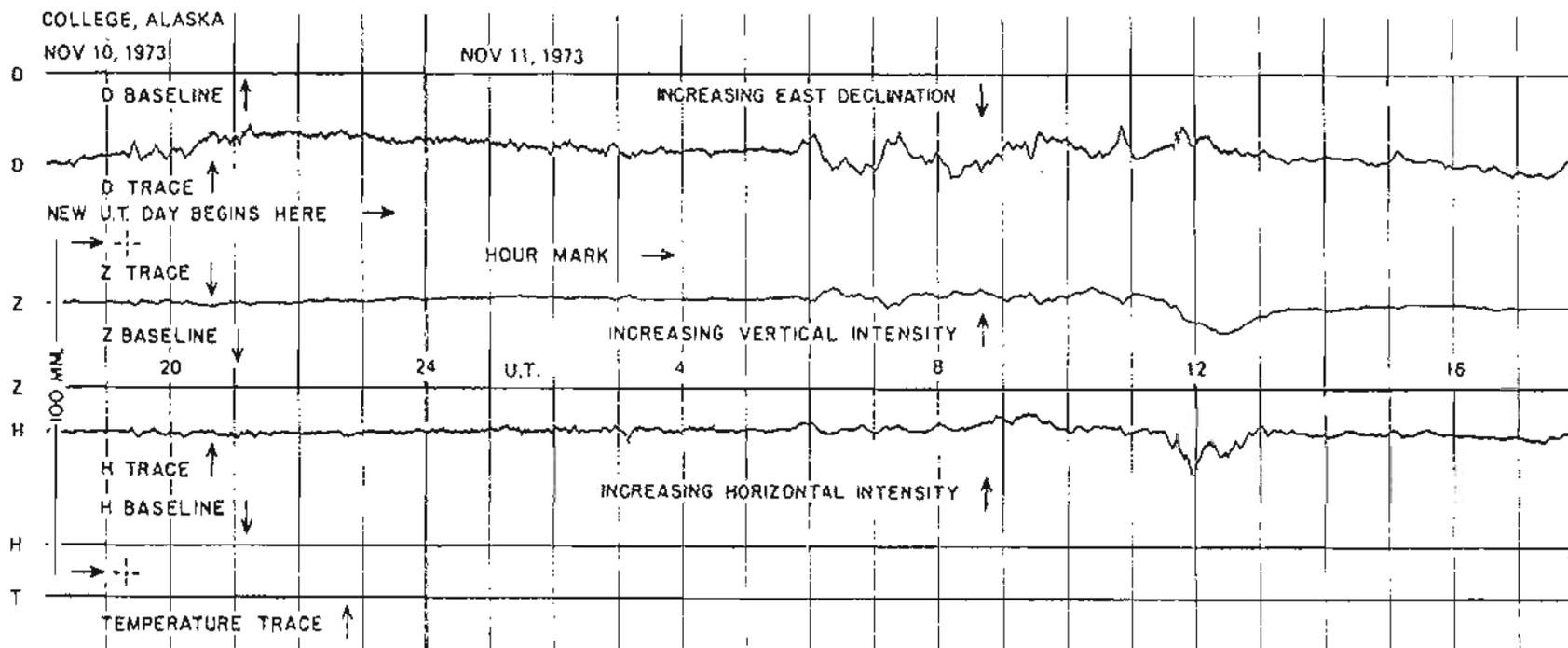
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(1) Significant portion of hour uninterpretable.
 (2) No record on an entire hour.
 (3) Interpolated.
 (4) Station uninterpretable because of magnetic storm.
 (5) Received all short for part or all of hour; if value is zero, it was so estimated for missing part.
 (6) Station closed on 2/21/56. Magnetograms converted to Normal Magnetograms.

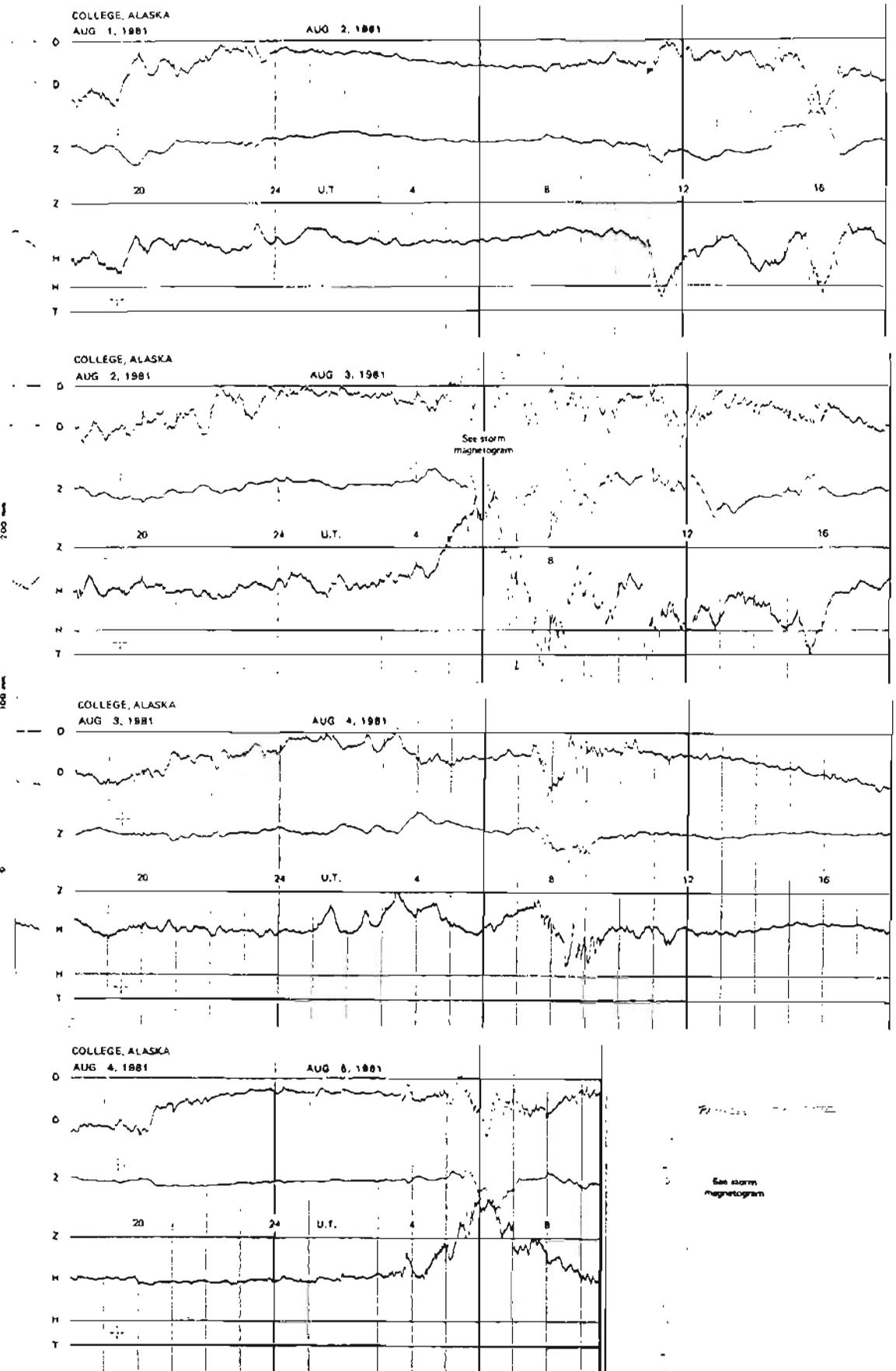
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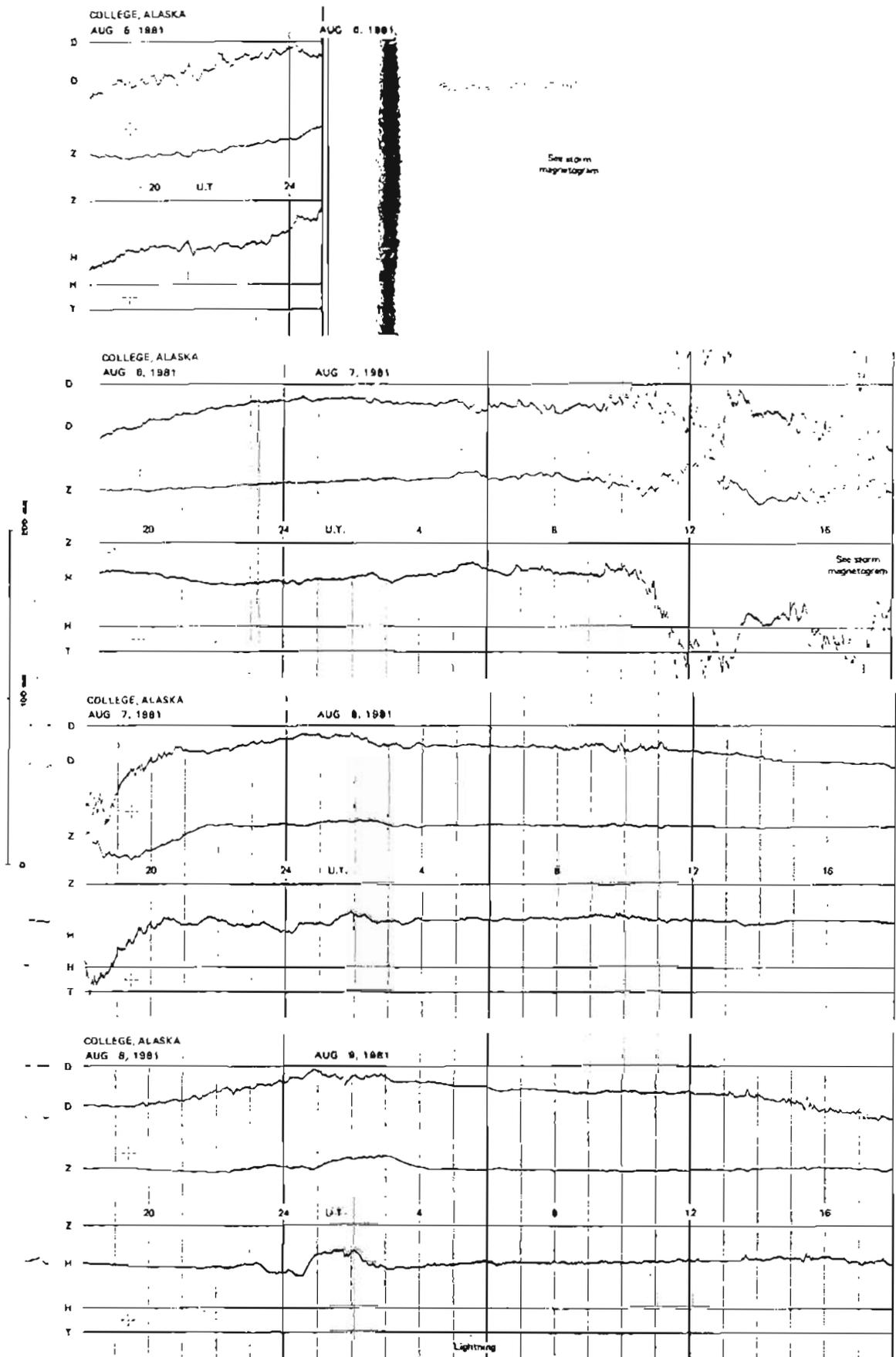


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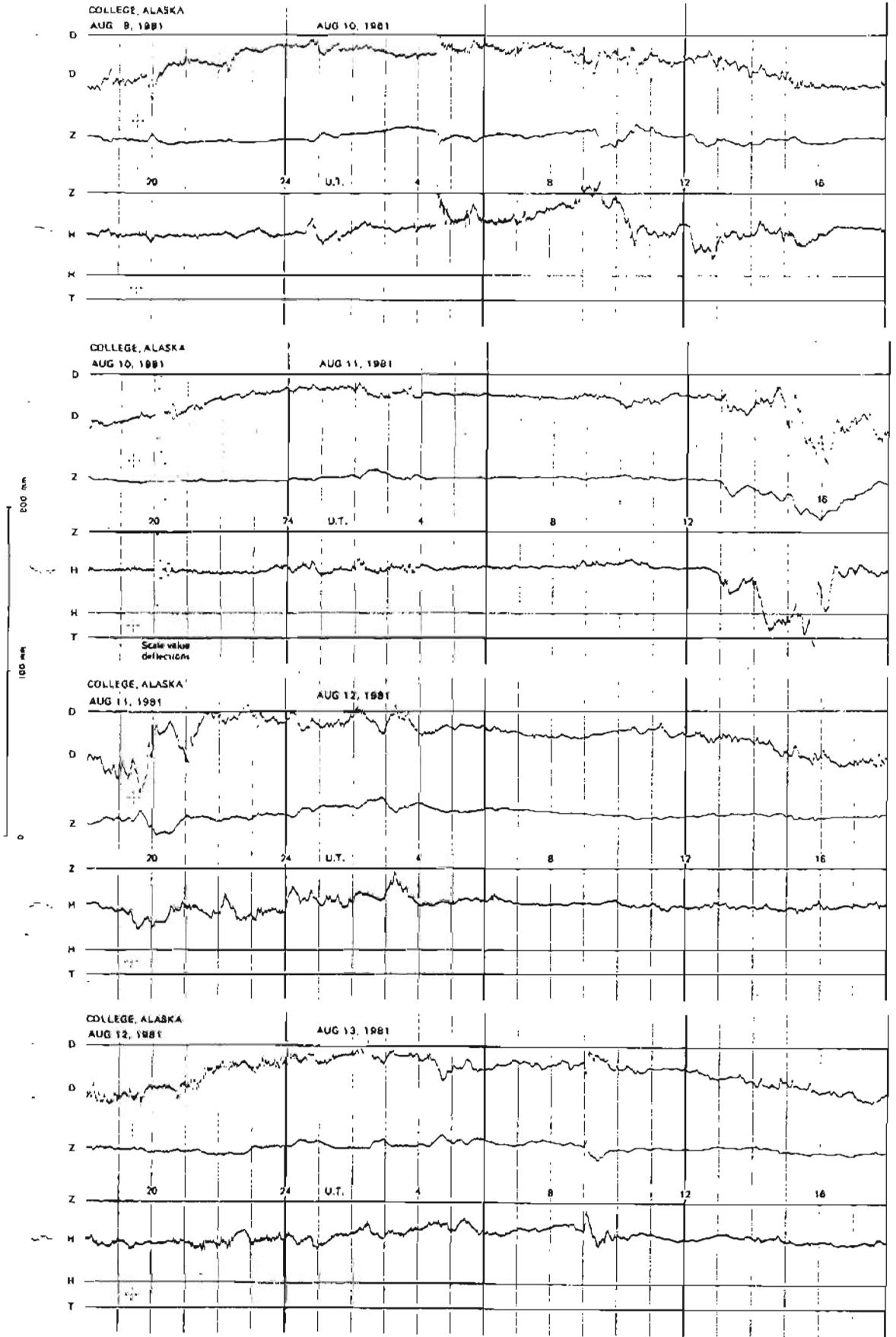
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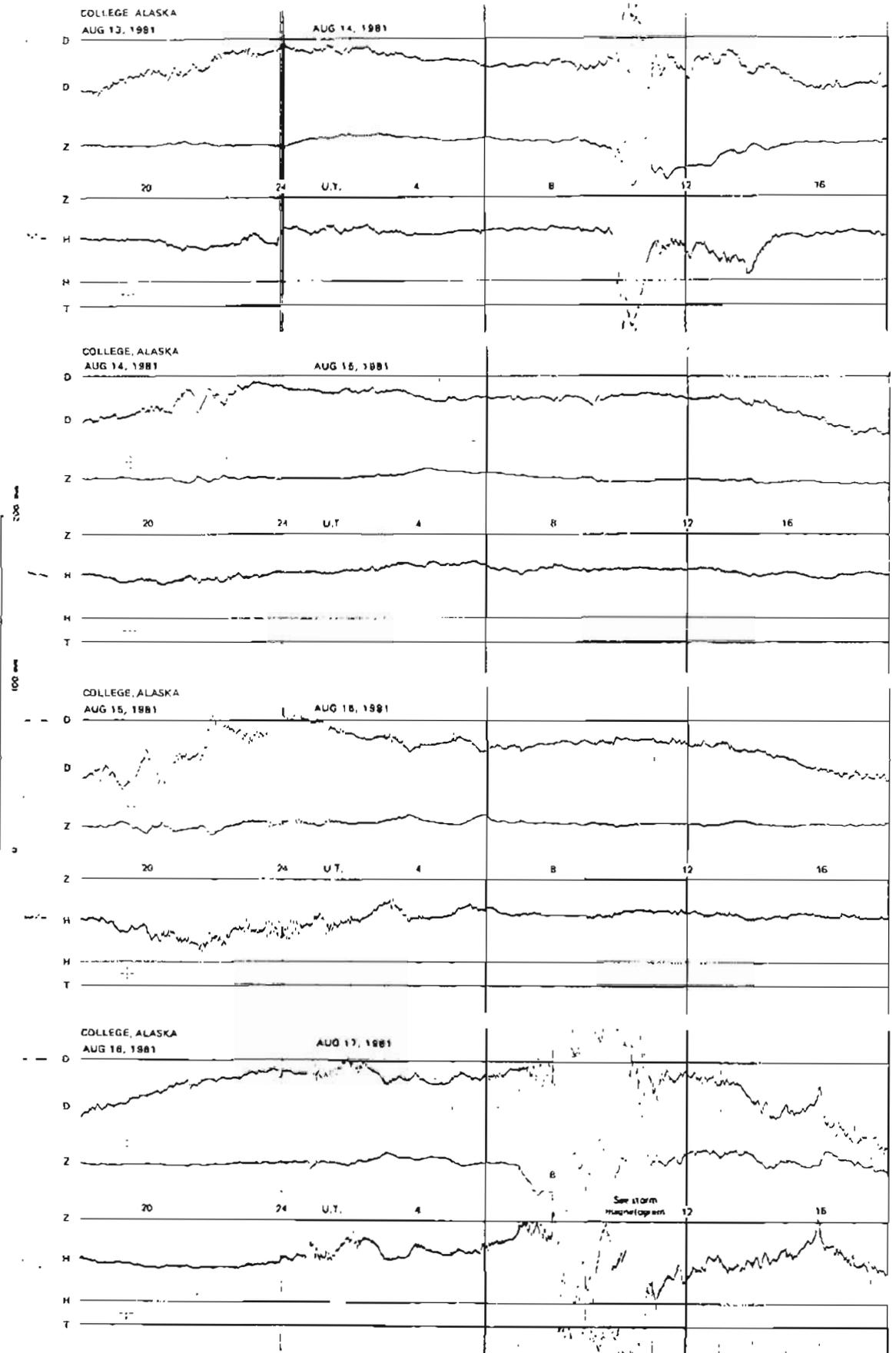
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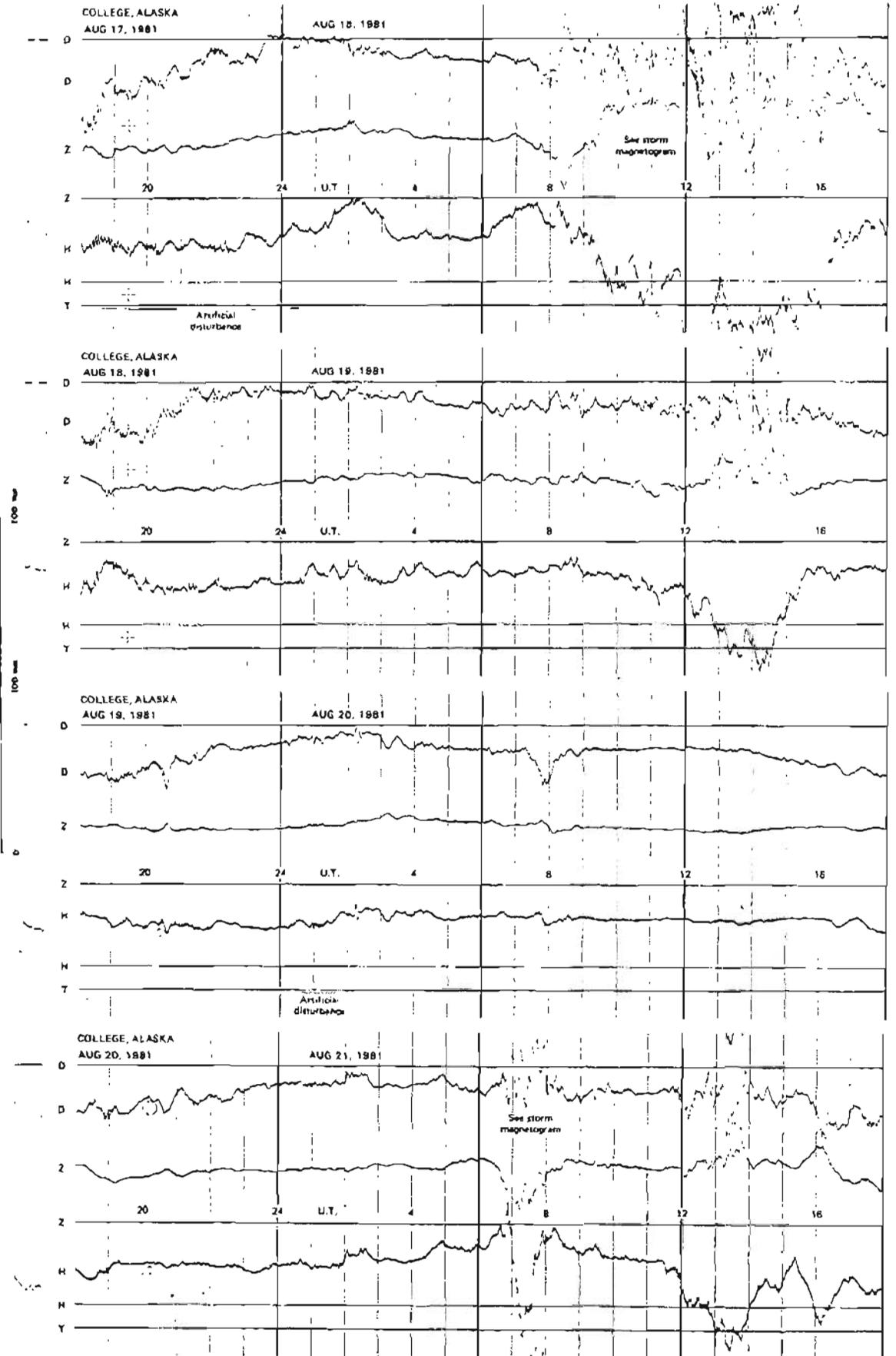
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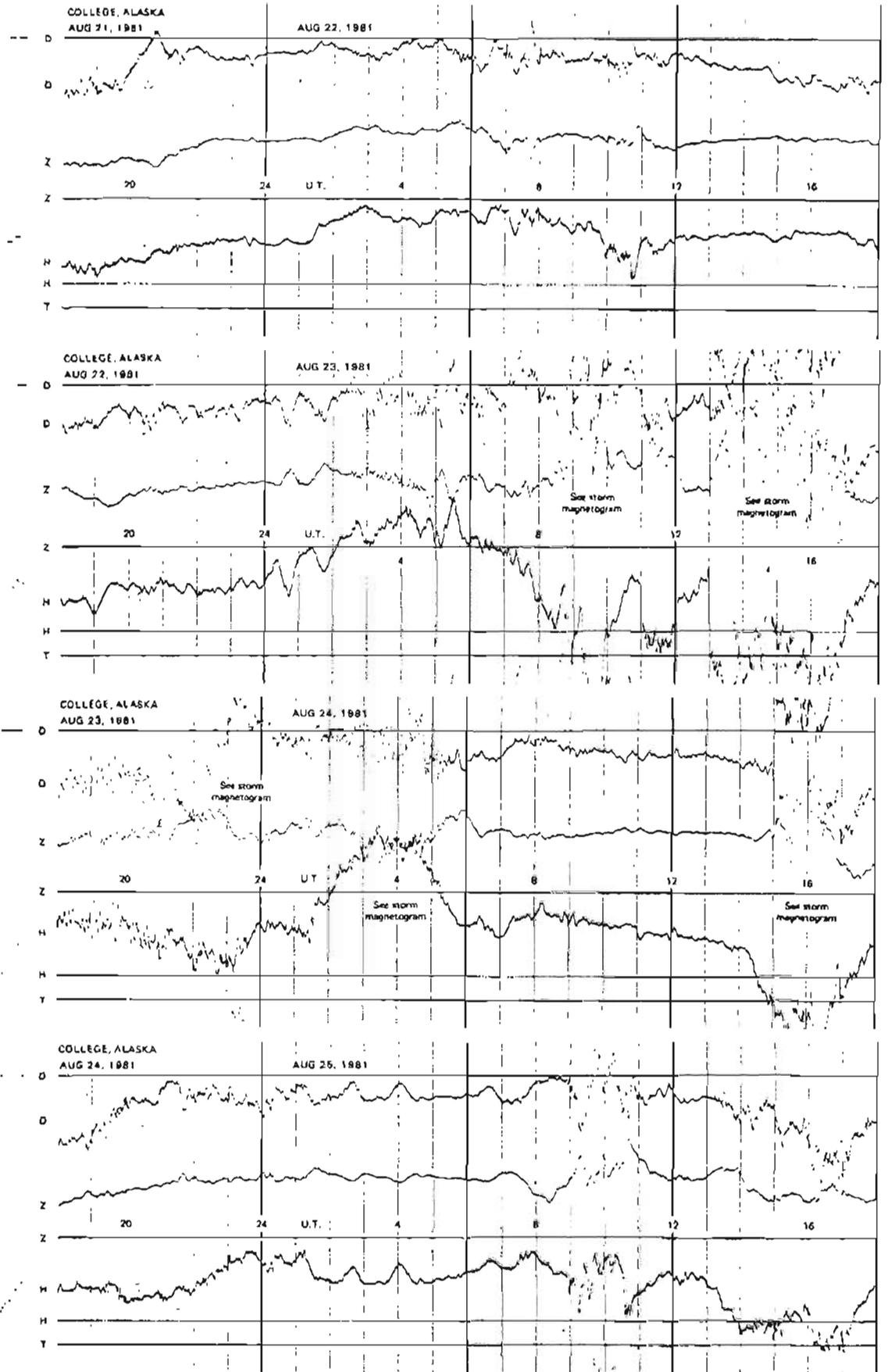
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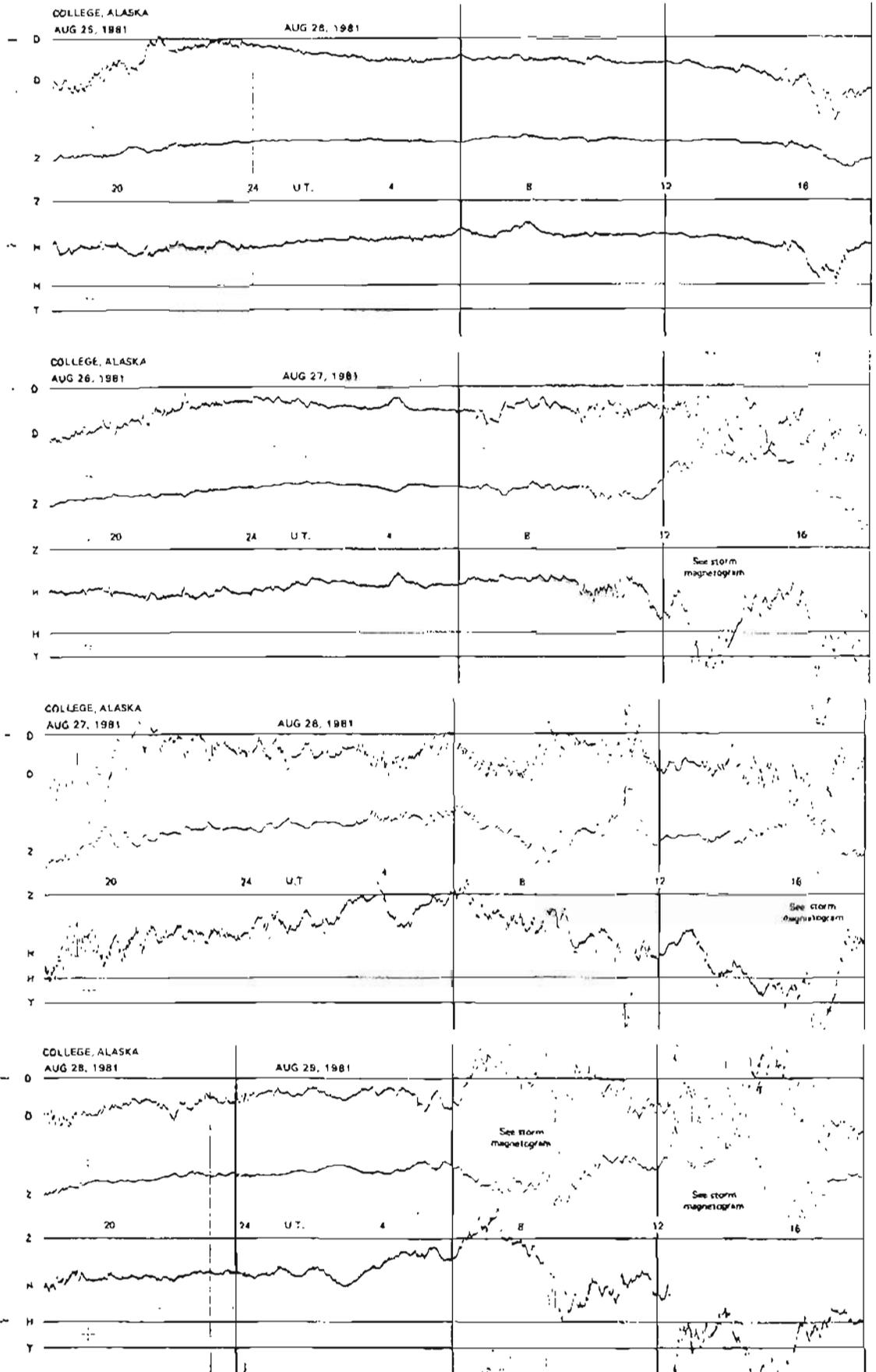
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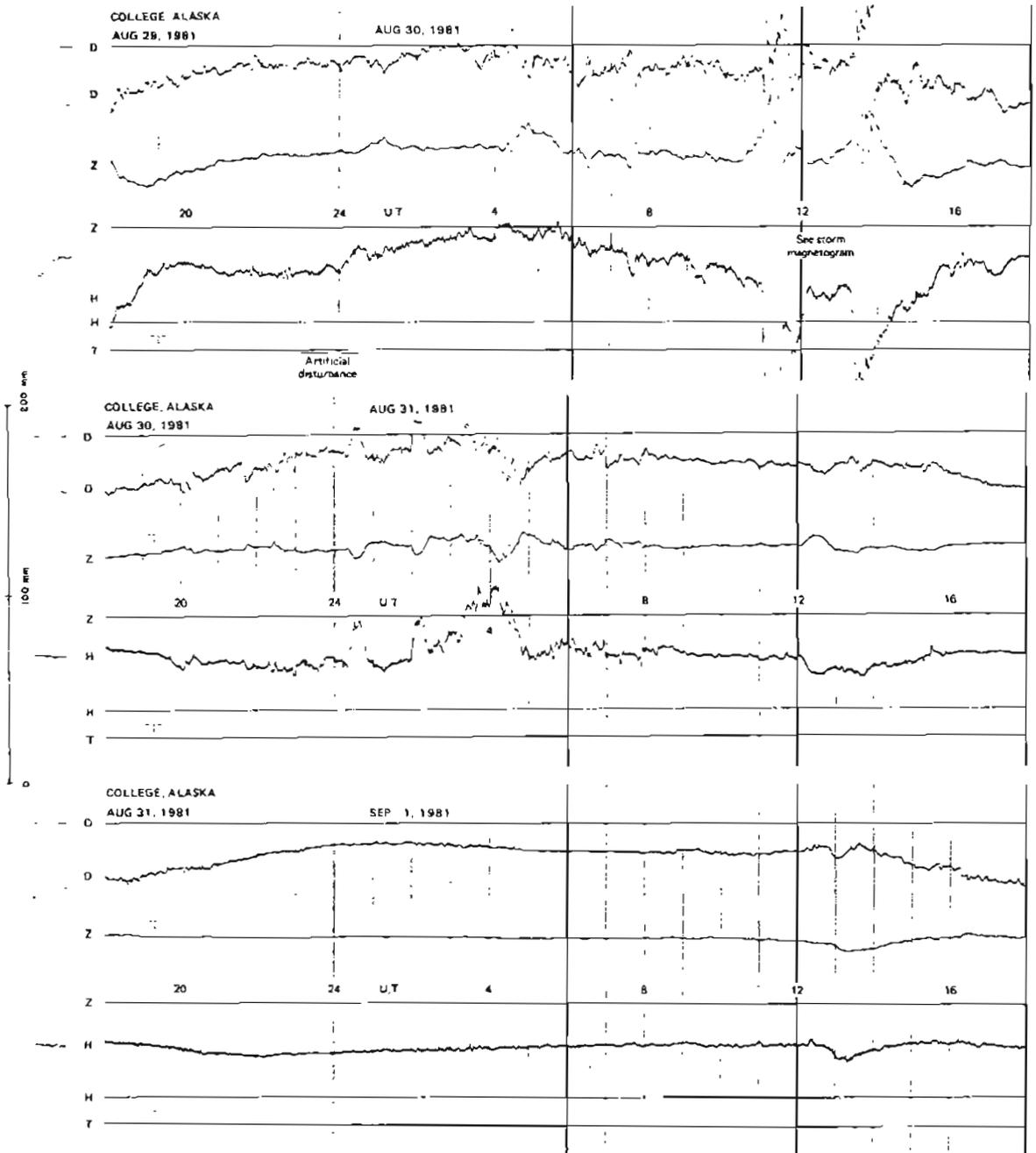
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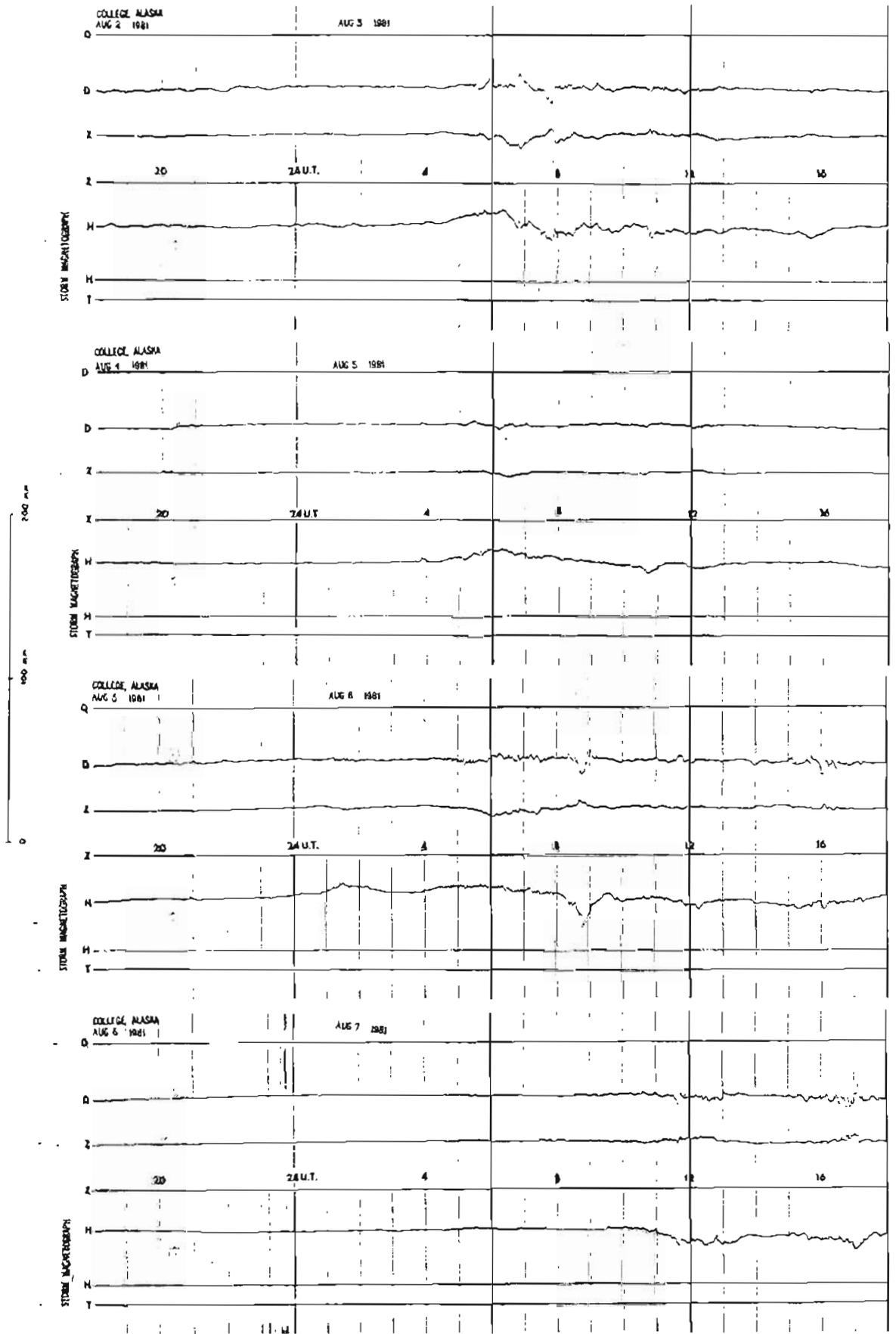
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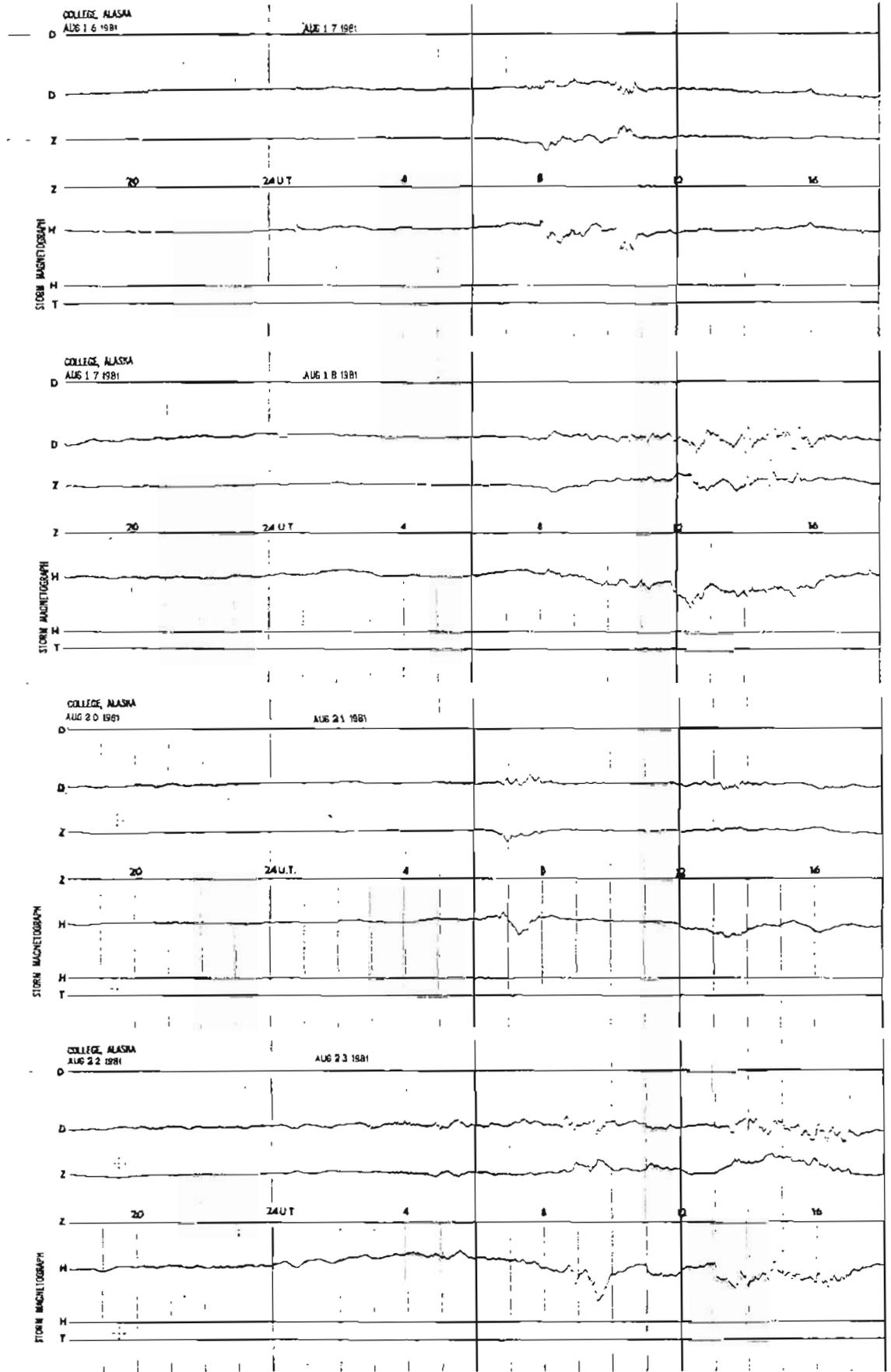
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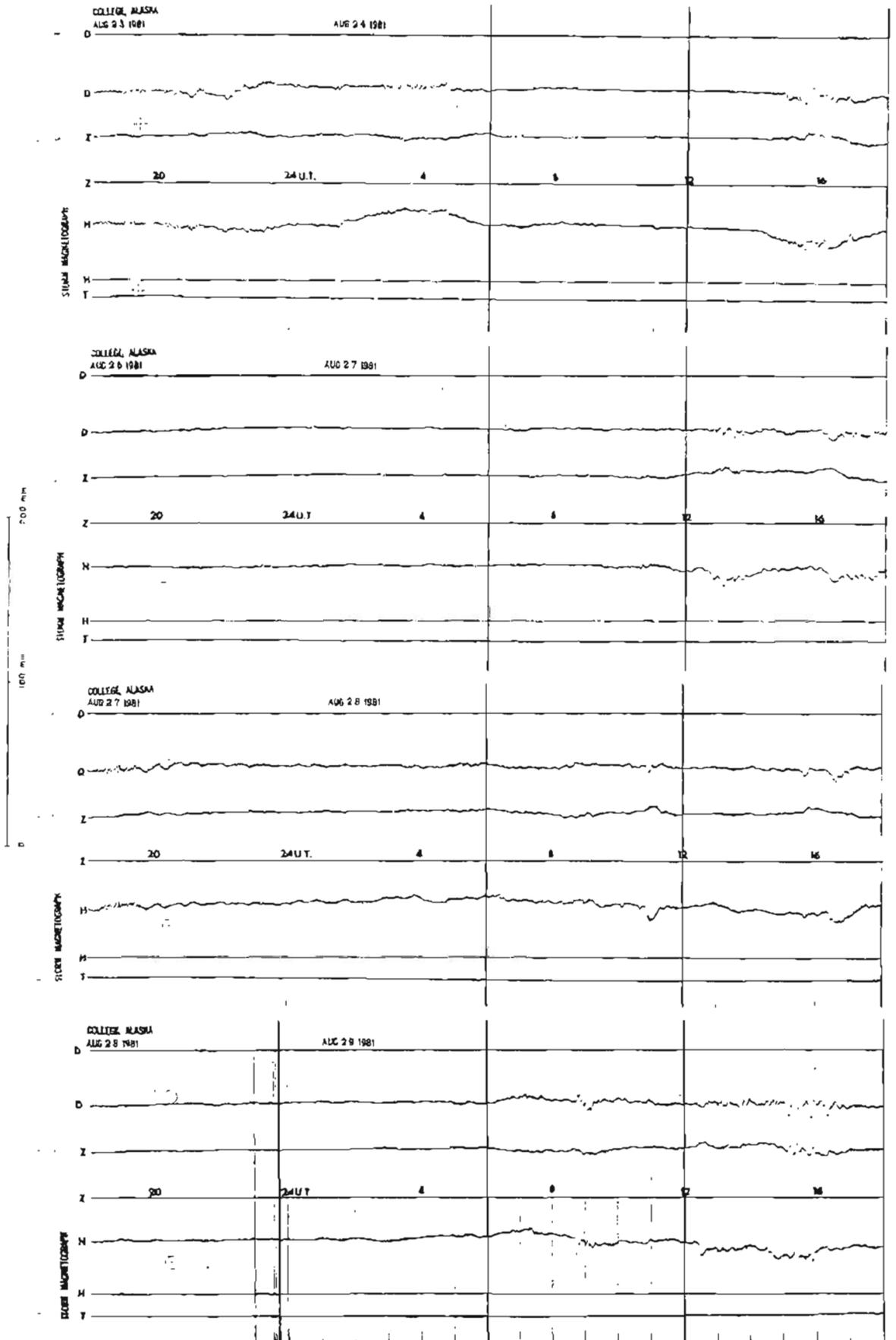
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