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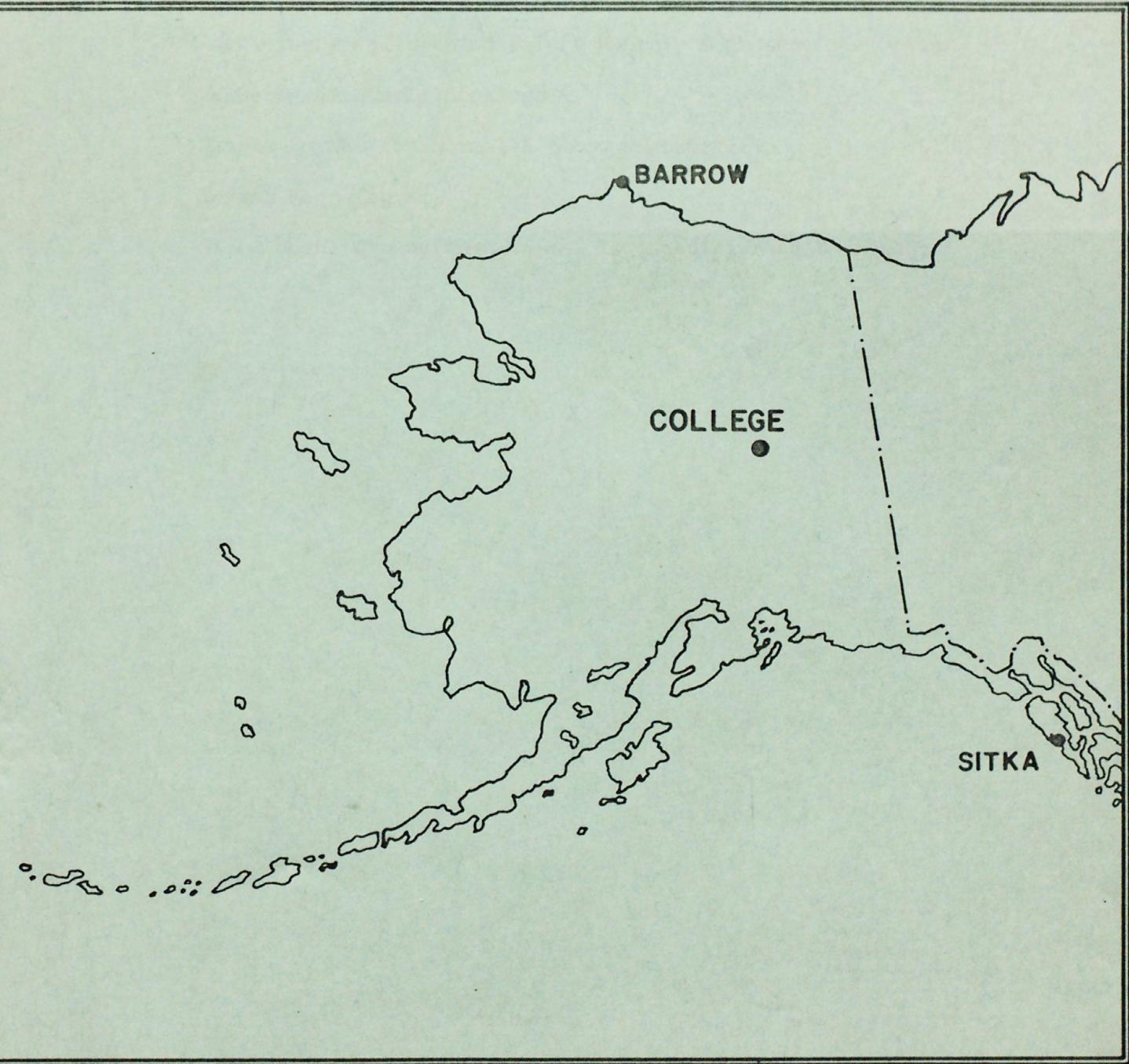
PRELIMINARY GEOMAGNETIC DATA

COLLEGE OBSERVATORY
FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

JULY 1976

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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

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..... $147^{\circ}50.2'W$
Geomagnetic latitude..... $+64.6^{\circ}$
Geomagnetic longitude..... $+256.5^{\circ}$
Elevation.....200 meters

GEO MAGNETIC 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 \approx 11	0
11 \approx 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.

OBSERVATORY

COLLEGE, ALASKA

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

MONTH AND YEAR

JULY 1976

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	5	4	6	4	4	3	2	31	31
2	3	2	3	4	4	2	2	1	21	14
3	1	3	4	7	3	5	2	2	27	33
4	2	3	6	6	4	4	3	2	30	32
5	2	2	3	4	4	2	1	1	19	12
6	2	2	3	2	3	2	1	1	16	08
7	2	1	1	3	4	3	1	1	16	10
8	2	3	4	3	5	2	2	2	23	17
9	3	4	2	5	3	1	1	1	20	15
10	1	2	2	4	2	0	1	1	13	07
11	1	1	1	2	0	1	1	1	08	03
12	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	04
13	2	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	08	03
14	1	1	2	1	1	2	0	0	08	03
15	1	1	1	3	2	3	4	3	18	11
16	3	4	6	3	5	2	2	2	27	26
17	1	2	1	3	3	1	1	1	13	07
18	2	2	2	0	1	1	2	2	12	05
19	2	1	1	0	1	2	1	1	09	04
20	1	1	1	2	0	1	0	0	06	02
21	1	1	0	1	3	0	0	0	06	03
22	2	1	3	4	0	0	0	1	11	07
23	1	1	1	1	2	2	0	0	08	03
24	1	1	1	0	1	1	2	1	08	03
25	2	2	2	4	3	3	1	1	18	11
26	3	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	07	03
27	1	2	1	5	3	2	2	3	19	13
28	3	3	5	5	5	3	3	2	29	26
29	4	4	6	6	5	3	2	3	33	37
30	2	4	4	6	6	2	2	2	28	30
31	2	2	4	5	3	2	2	2	22	16
SUM										

K SCALE USED: LOWER LIMIT FOR K = 9.....	D	H	Z	(mm) (γ/mm)
	683.8	321.7		
CURRENT SCALE VALUE.....	3.76	7.82		(to nearest 10γ)
	2570	2520		

SCALINGS AND COMPUTATIONS HAVE BEEN CHECKED.

APPROVED JOHN B. TOWNSHEND, CHIEF, COLLEGE OBSERVATORY

OBSERVER IN CHARGE

OUTSTANDING MAGNETIC EFFECTS			OBSERVATORY COLLEGE, ALASKA
MONTH JULY	YEAR 1976		

DATE	TIME U.T.	NATURE OF PHENOMENON ¹	REMARKS
12	0247	si	
17	1144	bps	
18	19XX	pcl	Pearl event.
21	12XX	pi2	With bay.
Aug. 01	0140	si	

IDENTIFIED BY: JEP, MJM	VERIFIED BY: JBT
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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
JULY 1976WDC-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°6 N	28	04XX	..	..	..	..	29	3,4	6	83	1100	410	29 19

July

1976

NORMAL MAGNETOGRAPH

COMPONENT	PERIOD		CALIBRATION		
	FROM	TO	SCALE	VALUE	BASELINE
D	0000 UT, 7-1-76	2400 UT, 7-31-76	1.0'	/mm	3.8 γ/mm
					28°07'.1 E
H	0000 UT, 7-1-76	2400 UT, 7-10-76	7.8	γ/mm	12767 γ
	0000 UT, 7-11-76	2400 UT, 7-28-76	7.8	γ/mm	12773 γ
	0000 UT, 7-29-76	2400 UT, 7-31-76	7.8	γ/mm	12779 γ
Z	0000 UT, 7-1-76	2400 UT, 7-31-76	7.6	γ/mm	55120 γ

STORM MAGNETOGRAPH

COMPONENT	PERIOD		CALIBRATION		
	FROM	TO	SCALE	VALUE	BASELINE
D	0000 UT, 7-1-76	2400 UT, 7-31-76	7.9'	/mm	29.8 γ/mm
					24° 21'.1 E
H	0000 UT, 7-1-76	2400 UT, 7-10-76	44.1	γ/mm	11510 γ
	0000 UT, 7-11-76	2400 UT, 7-31-76	44.1	γ/mm	11526 γ
Z	0000 UT, 7-1-76	2400 UT, 7-10-76	48.6	γ/mm	54008 γ
	0000 UT, 7-11-76	2400 UT, 7-31-76	48.6	γ/mm	54019 γ

RAPID RUN MAGNETOGRAPH

COMPONENT	PERIOD		CALIBRATION	
	FROM	TO	SCALE	VALUE
D	0000 UT, 7-1-76	2400 UT, 7-31-76	0.3'	/mm
				1.0 γ/mm
H	0000 UT, 7-1-76	2400 UT, 7-31-76		1.0 γ/mm
Z	0000 UT, 7-1-76	2400 UT, 7-31-76		2.4 γ/mm

MONTHLY MEAN ABSOLUTE VALUES*

D	H	Z
28°22'.0 E	13057 γ	55358 γ

* COMPUTED FROM TEN QUIETEST DAYS DURING MONTH.

DAYS USED: July 11, 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 26

MAGNETOGRAPH HOURLY SCALINGS
(UNIVERSAL TIME)U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY
GEOMAGNETIC DIVISIONOBSY. CO 76 JULY D
YEAR MONTH ELEMENT

Values are in tenths of mm. and are averages for successive periods of one hour beginning at midnight. Hour 01 of local day (150W M.T.) is hour 11 of the same universal day.

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

C	Q	S	Ten	Min	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		
					01	92	58	91	49	156	100	138	204	165	115	188	225	01	166	180	193	193	235	272	220	225	175	160	117	89	3816
					02	100	70	79	100	118	127	125	252	110	125	197	144	02	144	144	150	182	221	231	229	222	200	170	130	130	3700
					03	111	110	109	104	95	161	130	139	159	189	188	45*	03	130	187	200	257	236	234	233	233	182	119	118	105	3704
					04	114	109	92	99	103	89	184	69	239	14	101	101*	04	123	148	222	160	233	262	298	210	173	135	121	104	3503
					05	98	103	108	117	126	124	134	121	178	223	138	208	05	154	221	218	189	254	280	240	228	189	144	123	112	4030
					06	124	89	97	112	113	108	103	104	116	112	117	115	06	138	170	177	174	219	252	248	233	192	164	135	102	3514
					07	90	82	136	138	132	131	154	177	131	107	128	138	07	150	158	224	217	262	263	282	239	172	158	136	112	3937
					08	104	98	91	117	172	229	127	174	121	129	89	133	08	209	182	216	268	309	290	241	192	127	124	118	119	3919
					09	87	47	46	82	106	220	148	163	99	109	93	110	09	107	153	187	228	242	253	228	209	168	158	104	111	3458
					10	108	109	109	119	114	158	237	144	137	139	197	148	10	132	141	181	218	238	258	259	247	211	134	97	73	3908
					11	70	88	100	117	133	150	149	149	133	150	153	155	11	150	150	181	209	264	283	266	239	221	174	148	111	3943
					12	88	83	80	109	122	113	143	142	125	132	139	163	12	160	168	182	239	255	281	257	219	222	163	118	74	3777
					13	62	57	76	122	123	138	132	168	136	130	133	122	13	148	162	193	213	248	268	260	225	188	144	114	98	3660
					14	81	77	81	73	82	109	113	159	143	127	128	128	14	122	123	165	200	283	286	259	223	161	131	125	118	3497
					15	99	88	76	89	95	119	140	139	120	125	212	228	15	167	158	189	217	344	249	280	255	88	139	108	94	3688
					16	34	36	14	57	57	80	-57*	174*	62	160	152	150	16	133	127	156	182	233	260	260	220	123	102	102	77	2896
					17	52	54	79	92	112	137	132	143	154	118	123	110	17	110	148	178	184	217	238	231	227	197	158	128	109	3431
					18	99	108	94	123	123	108	173	183	120	128	129	138	18	144	158	174	214	235	243	252	218	192	159	99	64	3678
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					20	97	112	127	133	134	129	142	138	139	161	138	137	20	139	143	177	212	229	241	228	207	179	154	129	99	3724
					21	88	78	76	91	114	128	133	140	142	143	133	138	21	168	148	178	208	225	233	232	209	172	138	110	100	3525
					22	102	100	113	127	129	127	98	72	37	92	73	137	22	154	182	212	221	227	238	232	222	196	150	109	99	3457
					23	91	83	84	101	122	121	129	132	124	140	127	126	23	132	170	170	204	228	199	201	194	177	153	109	87	3404
					24	83	82	84	102	117	121	123	122	128	122	121	133	24	145	142	167	233	269	271	268	252	195	104	119	87	3590
					25	92	69	61	97	105	97	121	173	153	120	148	242	25	157	123	108	188	251	285	264	227	171	138	101	87	3578
					26	70	86	97	113	138	150	151	148	144	143	148	142	26	138	143	167	208	240	261	256	213	178	171	98	73	3675
					27	59	70	94	103	134	138	137	136	129	133	69*	167	27	138	149	178	204	244	296	290	301	184	137	31	89	3629
					28	78	37	72	117	108	121	353	49	89	80	112	225	28	158	153	158	212	312	264	287	243	127	98	76	86	3615
					29	74	81	107	117	157	117	303	209	135	143	231	101	29	244	271	73	183	271	299	293	246	184	122	67	70	4098
					30	61	77	97	77	260	142	248	132	160	128	132	272*	30	160	81*	188	242	248	267	257	237	171	154	129	76	3996
					31	72	81	83	107	129	133	144	231	215	143	53	202	31	118	113	123	169	256	272	273	238	209	170	119	104	3757

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Preliminary base-line and scale values:

Interval Beginning

Base-line Value

Scale Value

() Interpolated

□ Significant portion of hour interpolated.

□ No records; or no values available because of faulty record.

* Derived from Storm Map., converted to Normal Magph.

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DATES WITH GAPS

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MAGNETOGRAM HOURLY SCALINGS

(UNIVERSAL TIME)

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C	Q or T	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	SUM		
			01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	00	01	02	03		
			01	386	404	423	539	600	449	466	401	307	257	238	-35*	01	120	235	183	336	367	354	334	341	335	361	344	371	8195
			02	394	393	370	411	388	375	426	422	422	363	259	244	02	137	362	394	384	391	351	362	362	374	361	359	363	8667
			03	361	363	368	392	436	500	425	395	359	333	-6*	221*	03	377	349	370	181	189	401	372	352	322	341	361	370	8131
			04	380	362	361	371	388	455	497	465	93	398	304	-14*	04	285	387	117	219	318	332	319	333	373	370	354	352	7746
			05	353	376	359	374	372	392	389	412	443	383	318	178	05	109	205	246	355	333	329	381	361	345	360	354	354	8083
			06	379	368	369	372	373	391	382	423	450	422	406	386	06	336	273	219	362	375	376	362	376	369	368	351	348	8836
			07	318	393	386	389	384	394	389	380	382	386	324	302	07	282	299	180	290	212	318	359	366	365	362	351	345	8188
			08	366	368	375	415	459	465	475	471	434	326	264	316	08	75	121	328	381	370	361	367	360	351	350	360	362	8500
			09	341	368	428	429	537	509	371	378	402	379	224	176	09	357	388	391	385	378	361	361	346	342	338	341	334	8864
			10	358	374	376	362	393	433	405	372	389	386	306	362	10	371	354	399	399	385	387	369	362	352	349	355	355	8953
			11	353	362	365	375	376	382	373	371	386	397	363	365	11	381	382	382	369	358	358	375	373	359	347	345	355	8854
			12	352	366	389	373	378	405	388	391	386	379	372	375	12	368	389	376	366	356	358	371	352	333	315	329	335	8802
			13	358	369	392	372	385	386	376	402	392	388	395	399	13	382	395	394	381	373	362	355	351	339	338	334	341	8901
			14	362	363	370	373	396	378	415	437	385	387	383	373	14	378	346	342	352	387	385	368	353	343	336	336	337	8905
			15	346	361	372	376	398	384	387	374	381	389	387	361	15	395	413	419	392	359	399	370	328	342	345	317	328	8923
			16	334	382	394	379	459	426	460*	-9*	395	415	422	365	16	26	206	355	396	385	366	352	315	313	335	337	326	8334
			17	359	362	377	382	401	388	369	373	368	372	368	332	17	315	358	362	361	353	366	355	336	331	320	319	326	8563
			18	355	352	398	381	390	368	391	388	379	369	371	372	18	375	378	386	381	385	382	366	335	327	309	325	341	8804
			19	340	329	347	362	363	381	384	391	371	372	378	375	19	384	361	358	358	374	375	371	355	338	335	331	320	8708
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			28	342	381	386	365	386	449	496	519	395	353	233	9	28	118	141	298	321	319	351	250	251	323	325	341	347	7699
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			30	339	375	389	437	508	521	460	466	371	385	342	-242*	30	-42	-114*	342	400	392	378	355	331	334	318	311	319	7740
			31	341	357	364	358	367	395	435	437	380	197	-27	214	31	332	290	310	314	354	380	361	348	337	317	332	334	7827

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Preliminary baseline and scale values:

Interval Beginning

Baseline Value

Scale Value

() Interpolated

() Significant portion of hour interpolated.

□ No record; or no values available because of faulty record.

[] Scaling uncertain because of magnetic storm.

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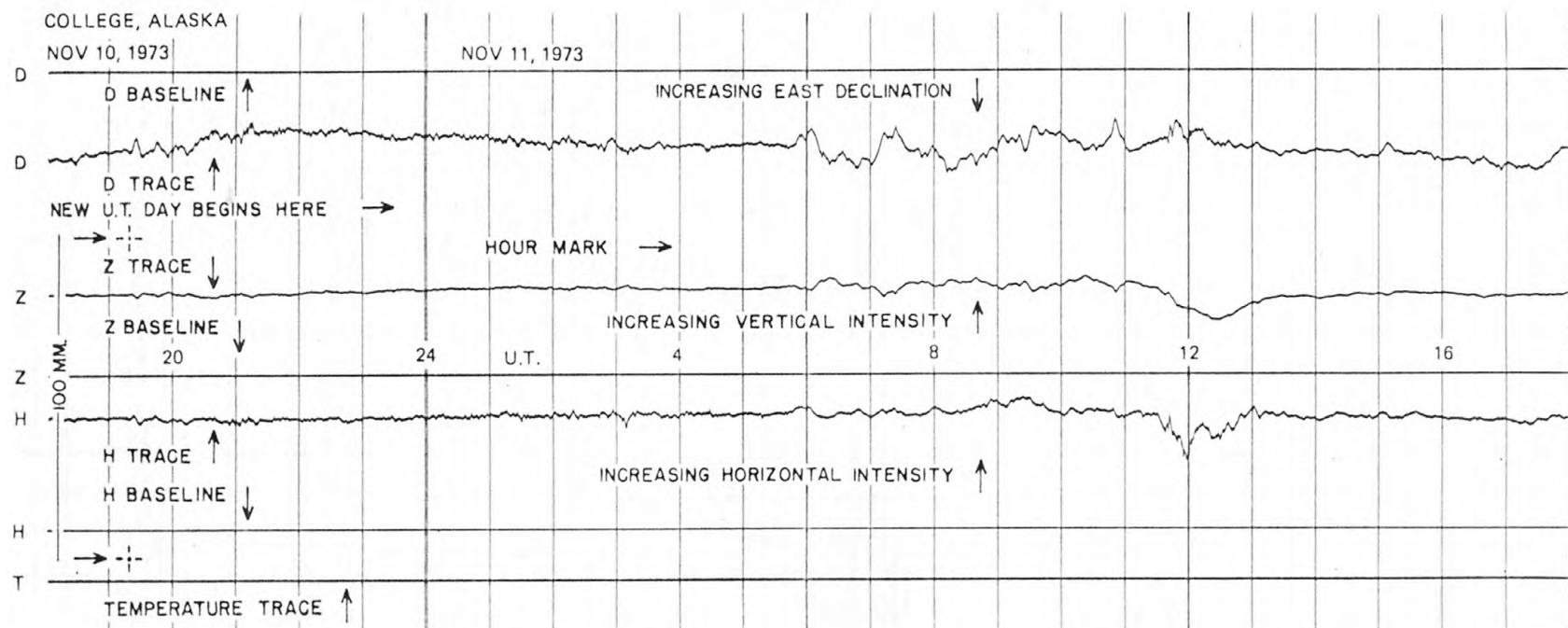
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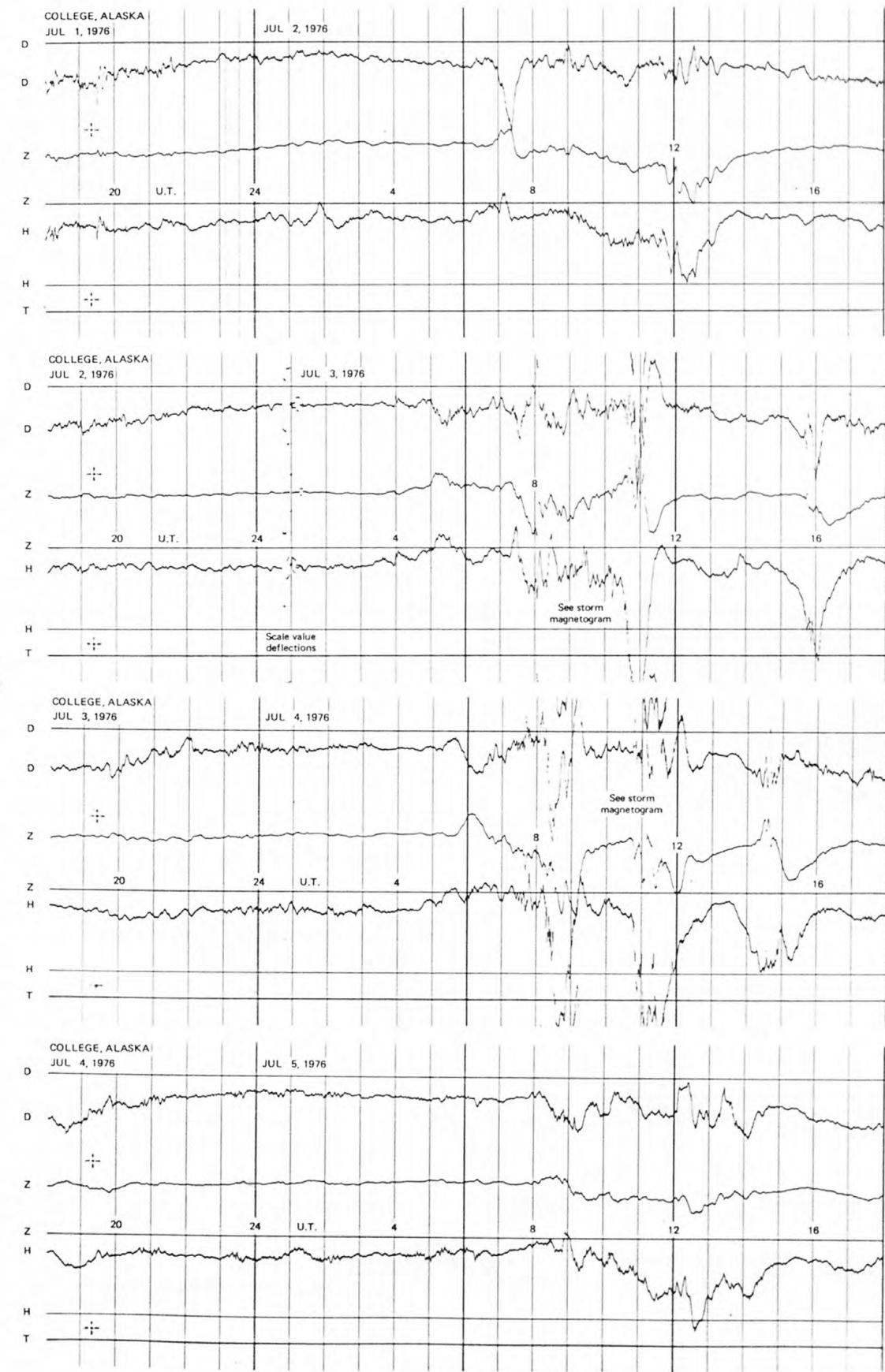
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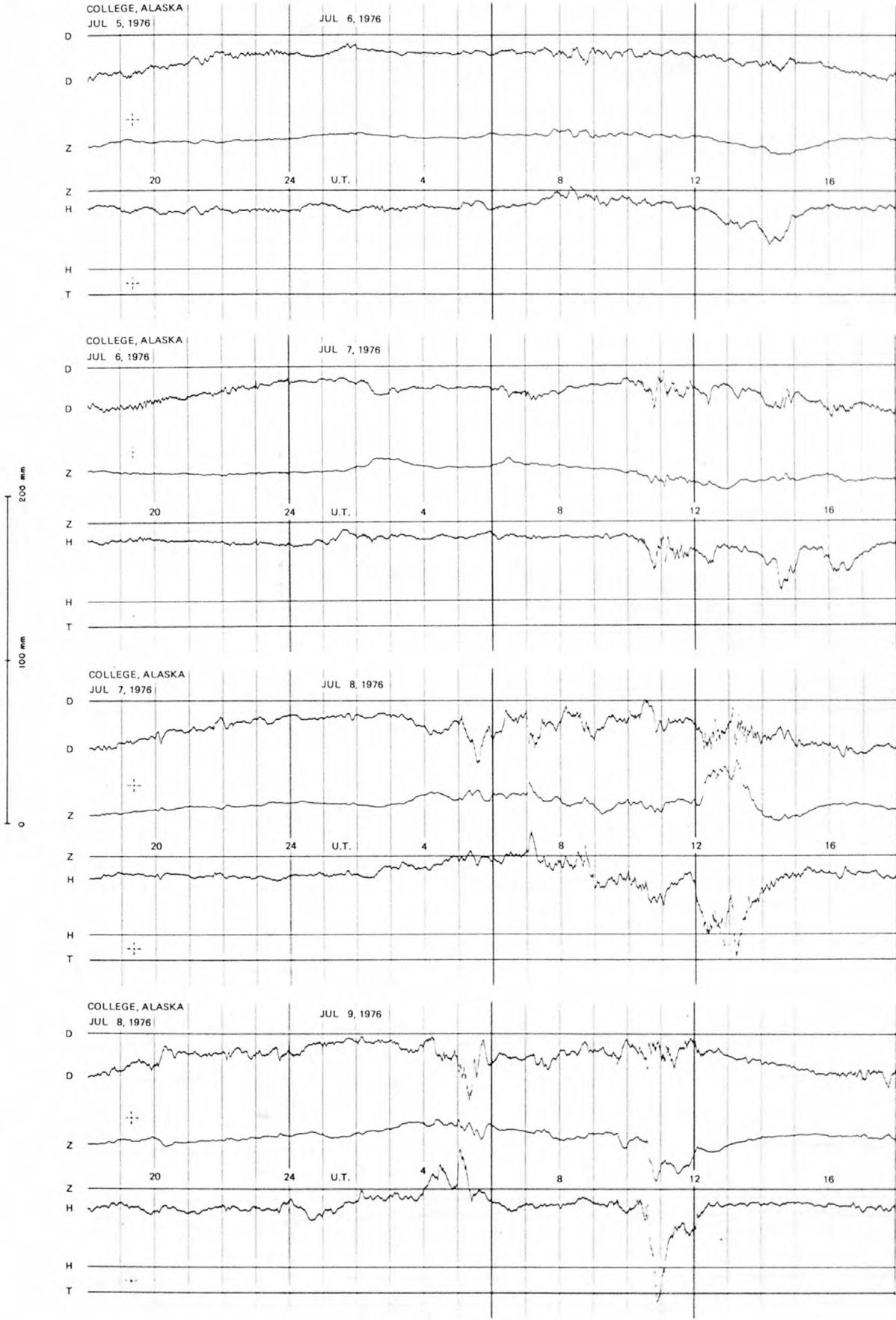
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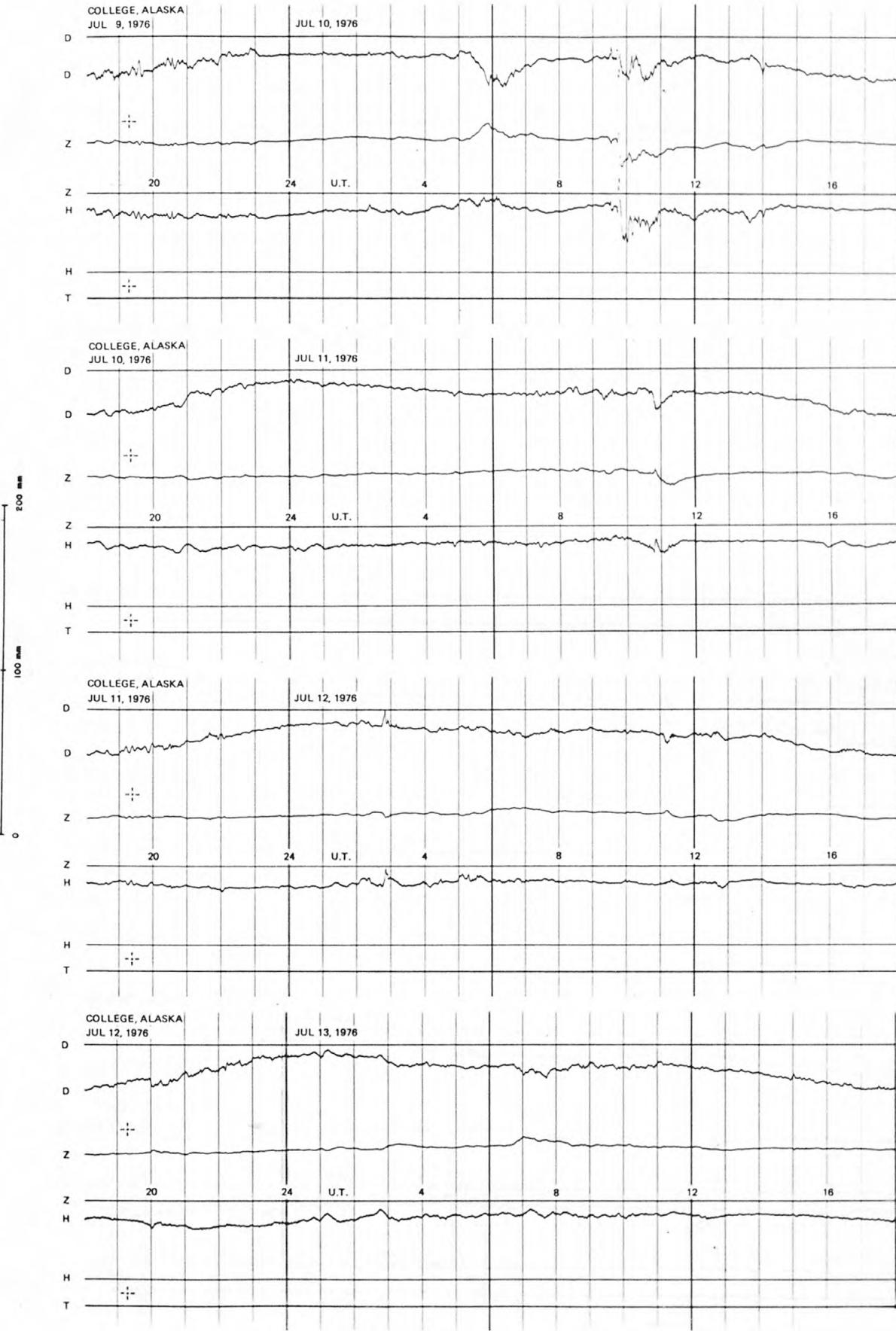
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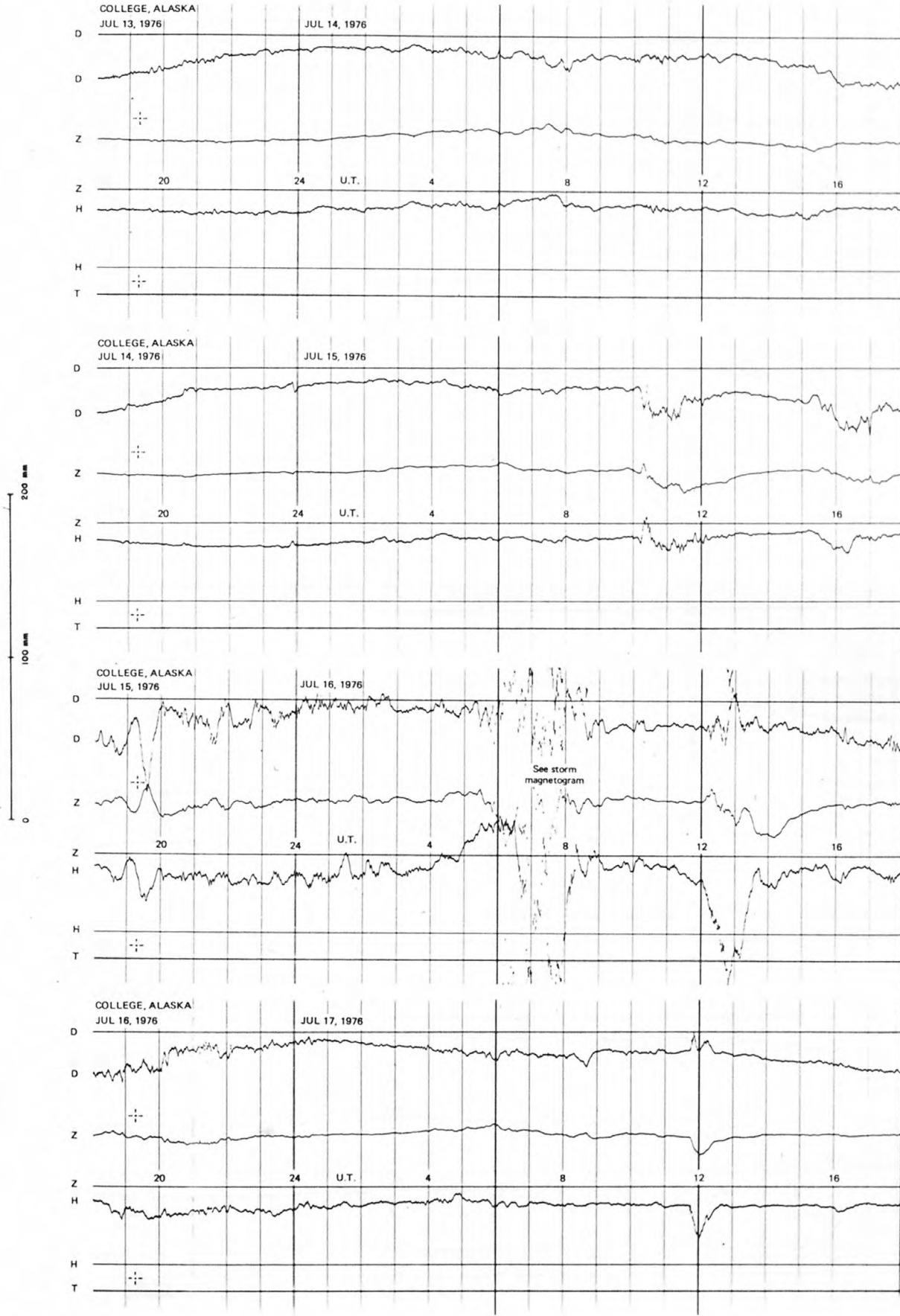
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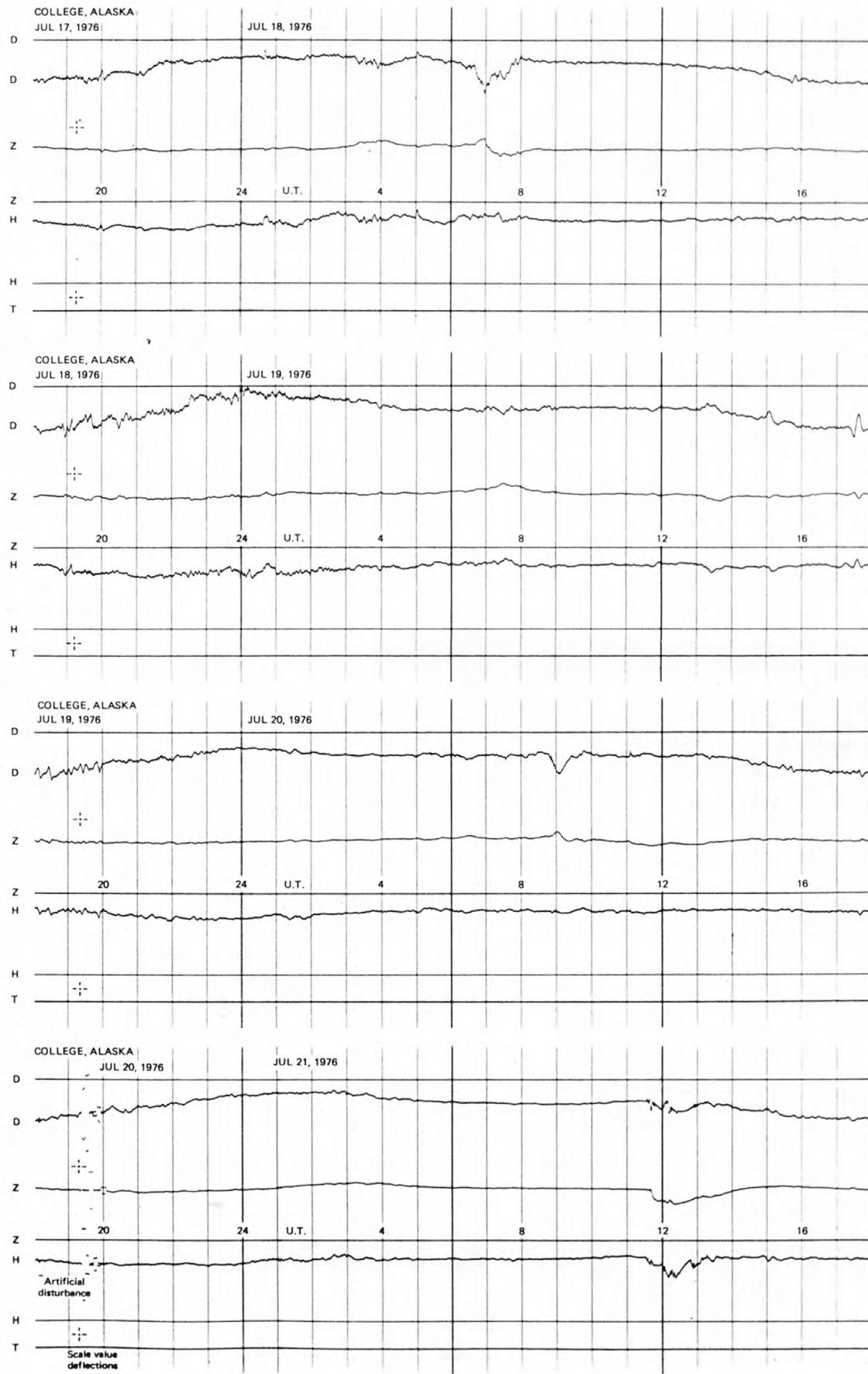
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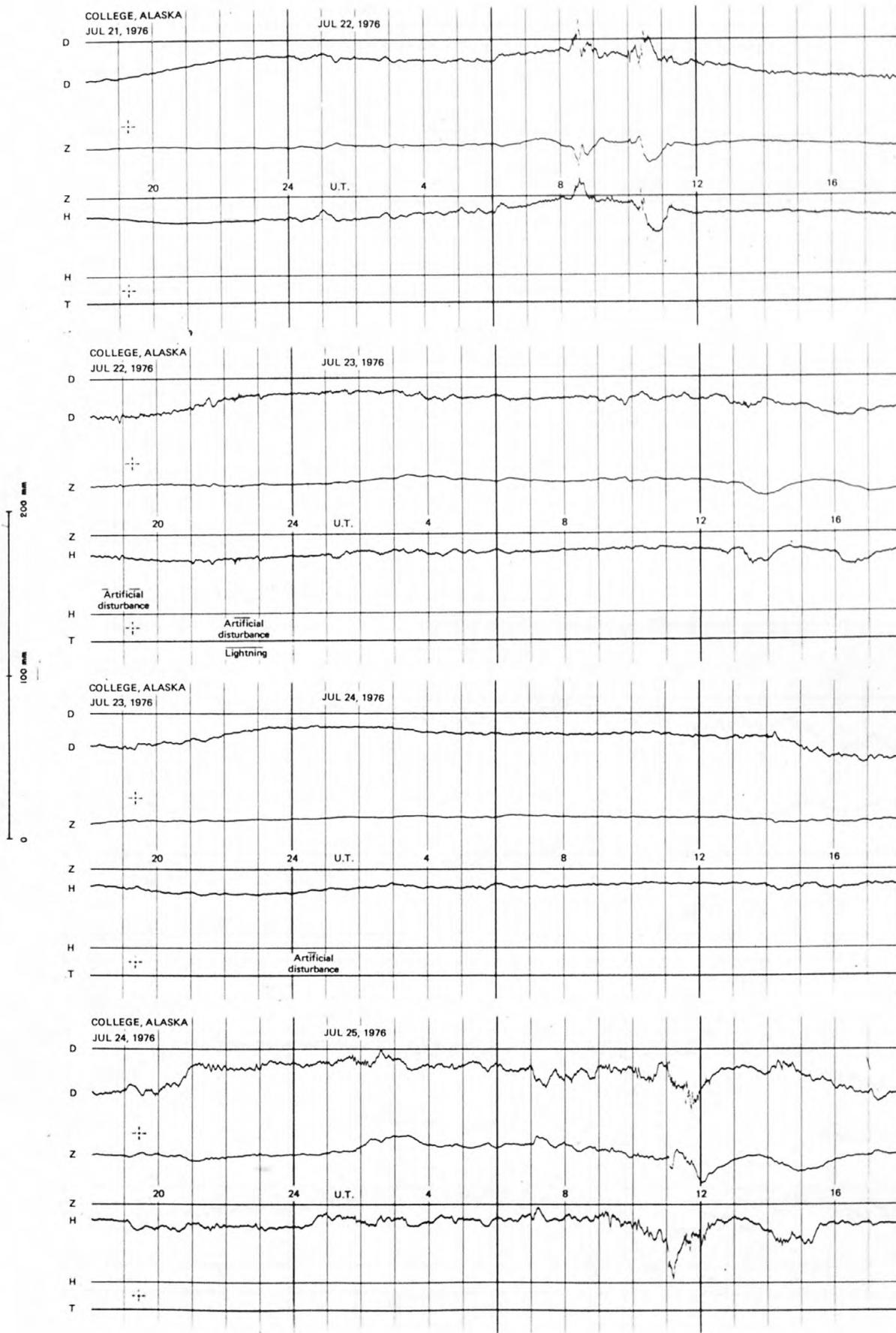
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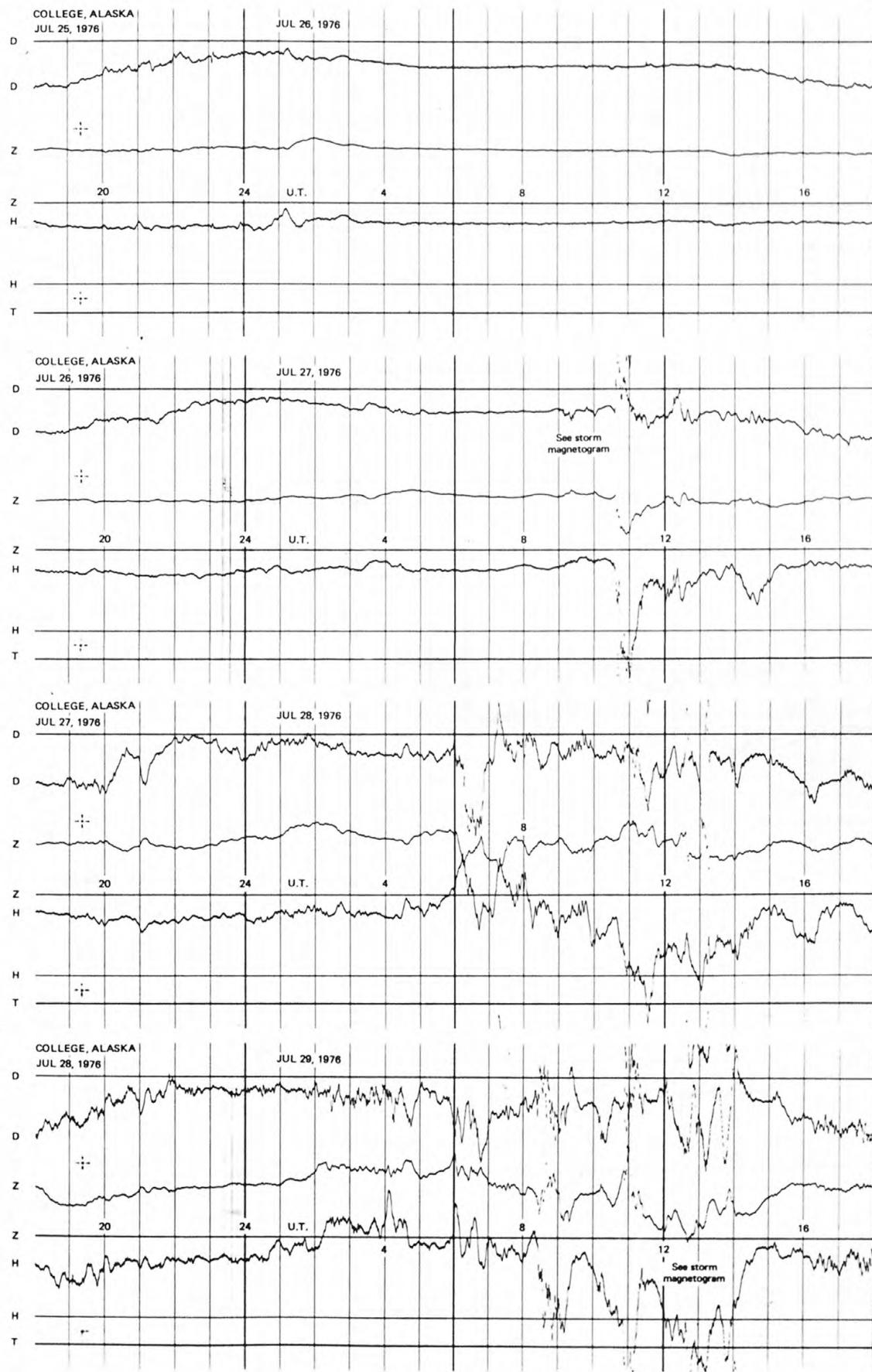
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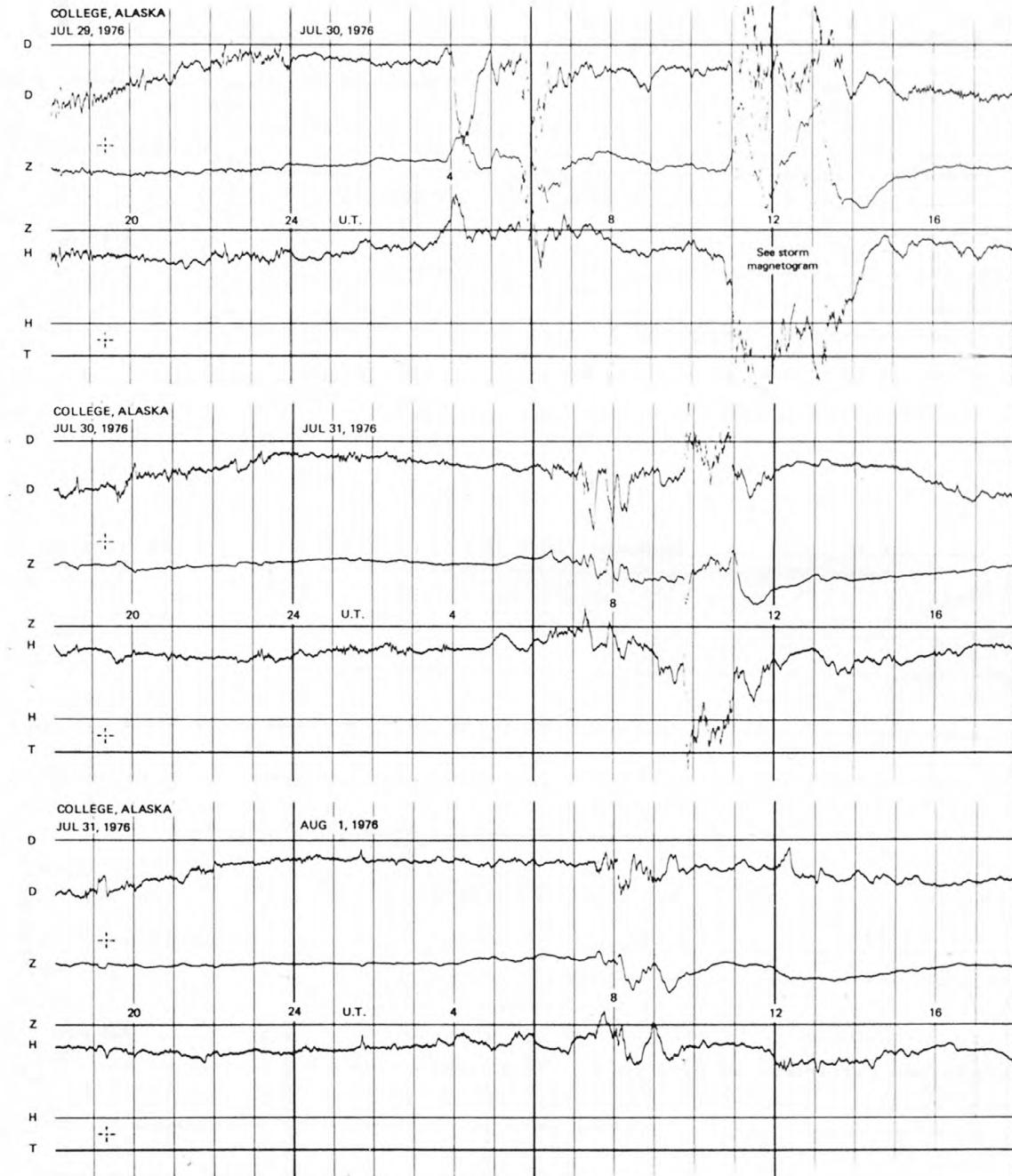
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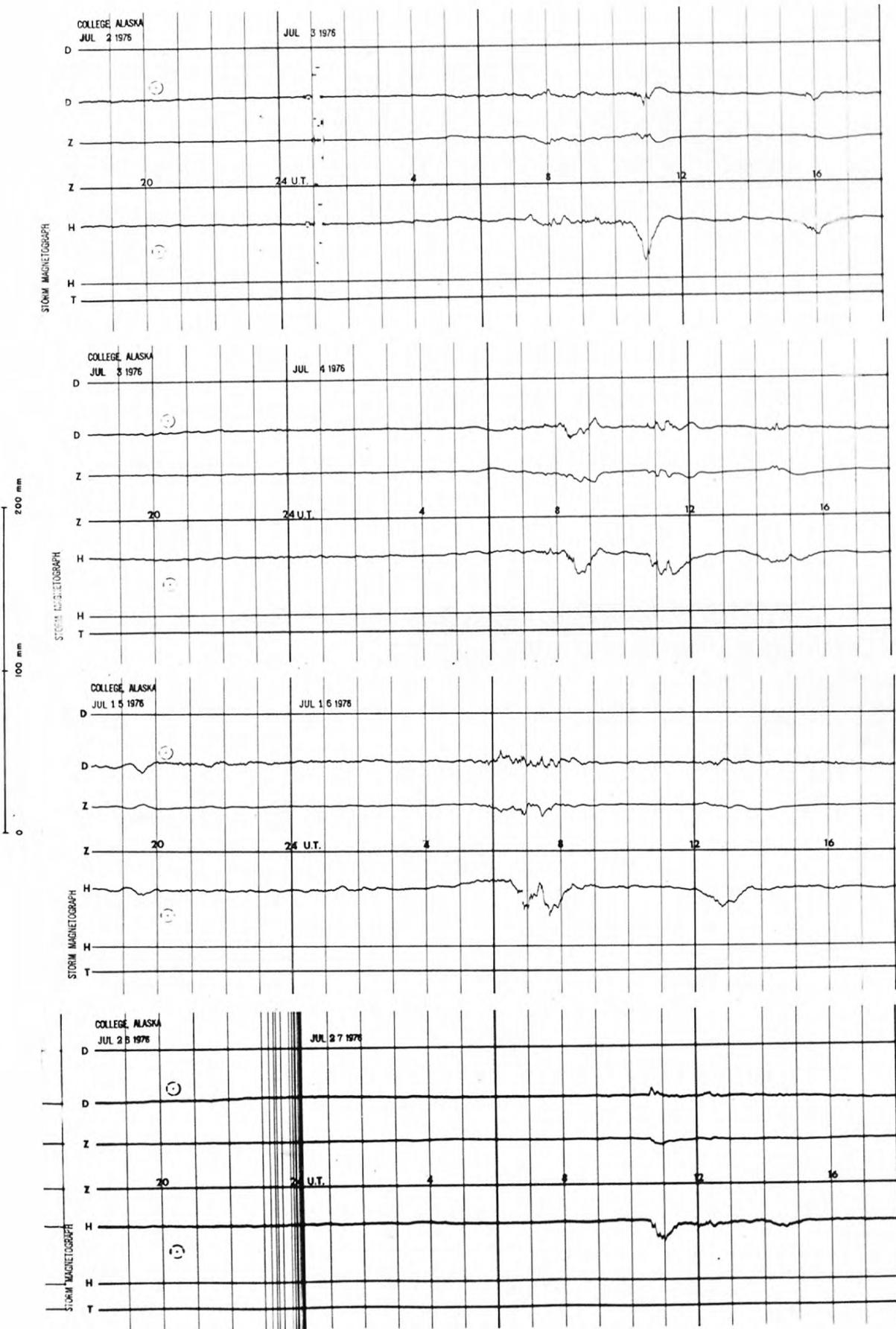
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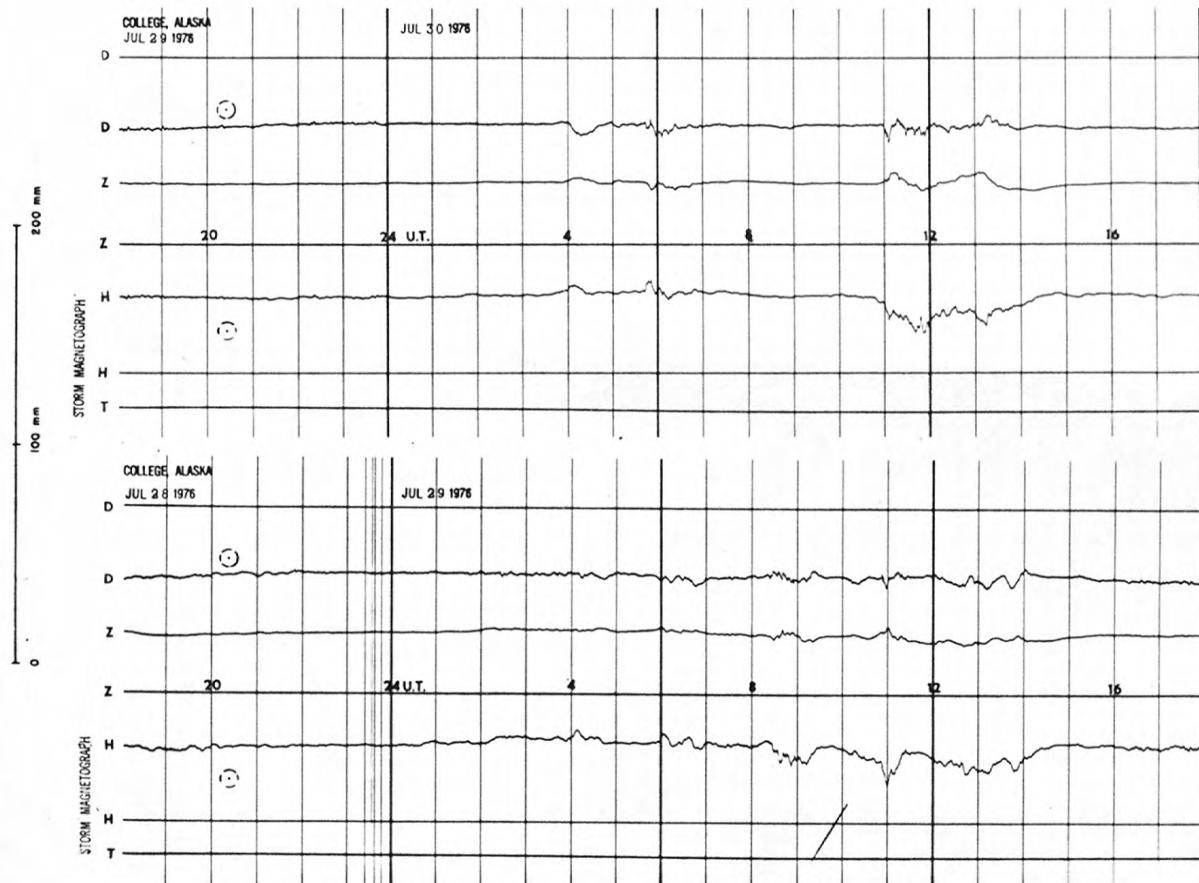
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