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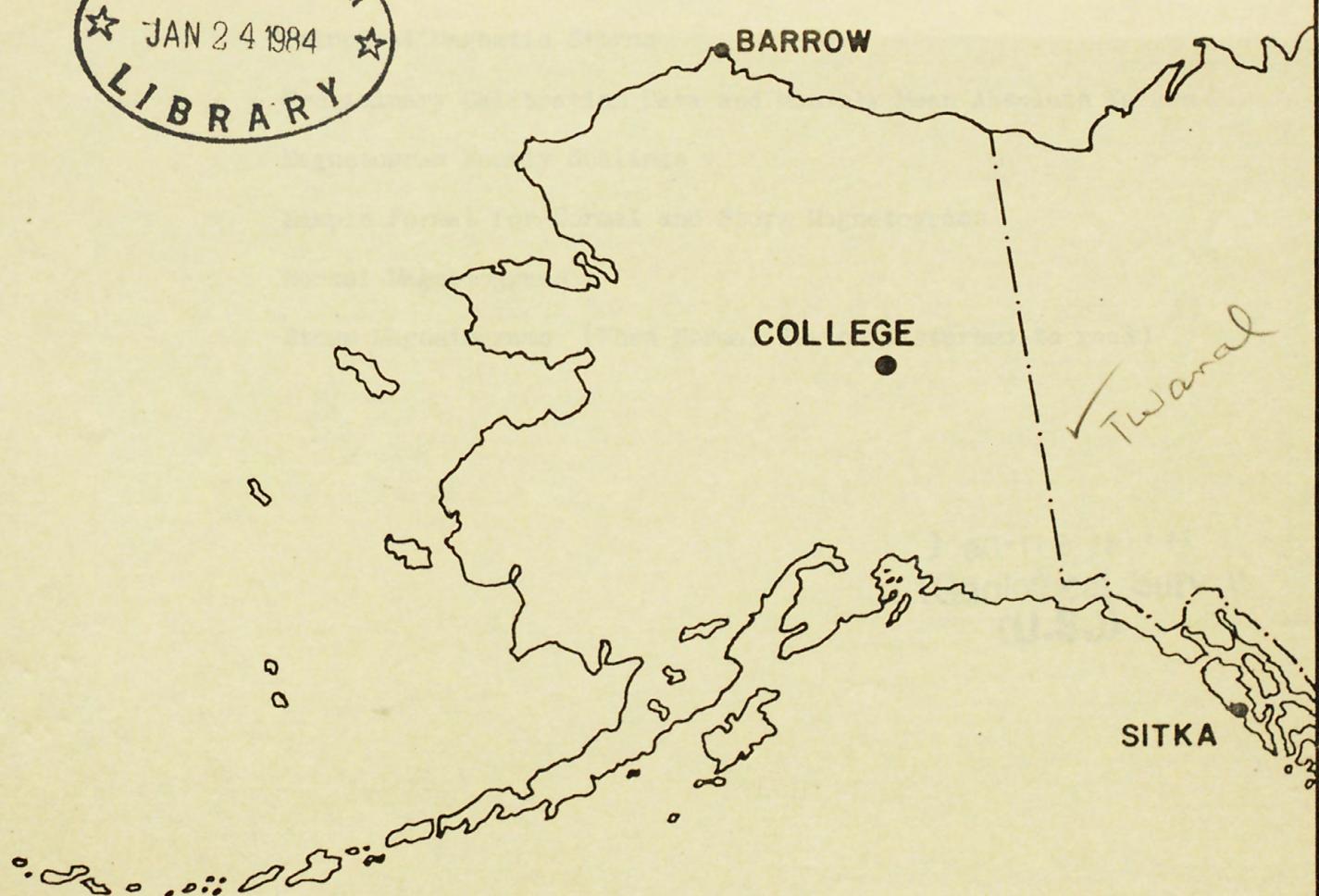
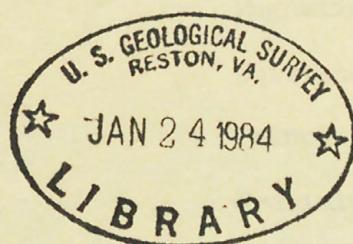
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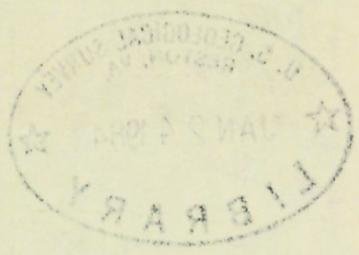
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

PRELIMINARY GEOMAGNETIC DATA
COLLEGE OBSERVATORY
FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

SEPTEMBER 1983

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P.A. FRANKLIN AND IN COOPERATION WITH THE GEOPHYSICAL INSTITUTE
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GEOLOGICAL SURVEY.

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Open-file report
(Geological Survey
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COLLEGE OBSERVATORY PRELIMINARY GEOMAGNETIC DATA

EXPLANATION OF DATA AND REPORTS

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
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 D63, 325 Broadway
Boulder, Colorado 80303

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

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 10y 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 (10y)

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 and 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)

OBSERVATORY

COLLEGE OBSERVATORY

MONTH AND YEAR

SEPTEMBER 1983

DATE	K-INDICES								<u>AK</u>	TIME SCALE ON MAGNETOGRAMS		
	03	03-06	06-09	09-12	12-15	15-18	18-21	21-24		20 mm/hr		
1	3	5	2	3	3	3	2	2	23	16	SUDDEN COMMENCEMENTS	
2	2	1	1	2	1	2	1	2	12	05	d	h
3	2	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	12	06		m
4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	01	00		
5	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	02	01		
6	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	0	08	03		
7	1	1	1	6	5	5	4	1	24	27		
8	1	1	5	5	3	3	3	2	23	19		
9	3	2	2	3	3	3	2	2	20	11		
10	3	2	2	3	3	5	2	2	22	15		
11	3	2	2	3	4	3	2	1	20	12		
12	2	3	6	6	5	2	1	1	26	30		
13	2	1	3	4	5	2	1	1	19	14		
14	2	1	2	0	1	3	1	1	11	05		
15	3	2	4	4	2	5	6	3	29	28		
16	3	4	5	6	5	6	4	3	36	43		
17	3	5	7	6	4	4	3	3	35	46		
18	2	2	3	2	3	3	2	3	20	11		
19	4	5	4	6	6	6	5	5	41	55		
20	3	4	5	6	6	4	2	2	32	36		
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23	1	1	0	3	3	2	0	1	11	06		
24	2	0	0	3	5	5	2	1	18	16		
25	3	2	4	4	5	5	4	3	30	27		
26	4	4	6	6	5	2	3	2	32	36		
27	3	2	4	6	5	3	2	2	27	26		
28	3	2	1	1	5	5	2	1	20	17		
29	3	3	1	5	0	1	1	1	15	11		
30	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	04	02		
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K SCALE USED: LOWER LIMIT FOR K = 9.....	D	H	Z	(mm)
	683.8	321.7		
CURRENT SCALE VALUE.....	3.73	7.76		(Y/mm)
	2550	2500		
LOWER LIMIT FOR K = 9				(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 SEPTEMBER
DATE	TIME U.T.	NATURE OF PHENOMENON ¹	REMARKS
			NO OUTSTANDING EFFECTS SELECTED FOR SEPTEMBER.
IDENTIFIED BY: EAS		VERIFIED BY: JBT	

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
SEPTEMBER 1983

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ENVIRONMENTAL DATA SERVICE, NOAA
BOULDER, COLORADO 80302 U.S.A.

Obs. 2 letter IAAGA 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	15	16XX	...	...	...	...	17	3	7	183	1210	930	17 11
		19	01XX	...	....	....	....	19	4,5,6	6	125	1490	800	20 19
								20	4,5	6				

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

SEPTEMBER

1983

NORMAL MAGNETOGRAPH

COMPONENT	PERIOD		CALIBRATION		BASELINE
	FROM	TO	SCALE VALUE		
D	0000 U.T., 9-1-83	2400 U.T., 9-30-83	1.0°/mm	3.7°/mm	27° 17.1° E
H	0000 U.T., 9-1-83	2400 U.T., 9-23-83	7.8°/mm		12686°
	0000 U.T., 9-24-83	2400 U.T., 9-30-83	"		12674°
Z	0000 U.T., 9-1-83	2400 U.T., 9-23-83	7.5°/mm		55169°
	0000 U.T., 9-24-83	2400 U.T., 9-30-83	"		55177°

STORM MAGNETOGRAPH

COMPONENT	PERIOD		CALIBRATION		BASELINE
	FROM	TO	SCALE VALUE		
D	0000 U.T., 9-1-83	2400 U.T., 9-30-83	7.9°/mm	29.6°/mm	24° 21.2° E
H	0000 U.T., 9-1-83	2400 U.T., 9-23-83	43.9°/mm		10824°
	0000 U.T., 9-24-83	2400 U.T., 9-30-83	"		10808°
Z	0000 U.T., 9-1-83	2400 U.T., 9-23-83	48.4°/mm		5405°
	0000 U.T., 9-24-83	2400 U.T., 9-30-83	"		54036°

RAPID RUN MAGNETOGRAPH

COMPONENT	PERIOD		CALIBRATION		SCALE VALUE
	FROM	TO	SCALE	VALUE	
D					
H					
Z					

MONTHLY MEAN ABSOLUTE VALUES*

D	H	Z
27° 50.9	12937°	55368°

* COMPUTED FROM TEN QUIETEST DAYS DURING MONTH.

DAYS USED: SEP 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 14, 23, 29, 30

MAGNETOGRAM HOURLY SCALINGS (UNIVERSAL TIME)												U.S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR Geological Survey, Geologic Division Denver Federal Center Denver, CO 80225												OBSY.	YEAR	MONTH	ELEM- MENT		
C	Qtr	Trn	YR	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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 SIGNS REVIEWED BY _____
 PUNCHED BY _____

Preliminary base-line and scale values:
 Interval Beginning Base-line Value Scale Value

() Interpolated
 () Significant portion of hour interpolated.
 () No record; or no values available because of faulty record.
 * Derived from STORM Mgh., converted to Normal Mgh.

MONTHLY SUM 186,682
 MONTHLY MEAN 259
 DATES WITH GAPS:

MAGNETOGRAF HOUMLY SCALINGS (UNIVERSAL TIME)												U.S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR Geological Survey, Geomagnetic Division Denver Federal Center Denver, Colorado 80225										OBSY.	YEAR	MONTH	ELEV-					
C	Q or S	Ten 0 or 1 hr per	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	Hr. 04	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	SUM		
			01	399	450	463	516	538	368	326	320	327	332	306	331	01	305	287	228	187	310	339	313	301	291	288	314	332	8171	
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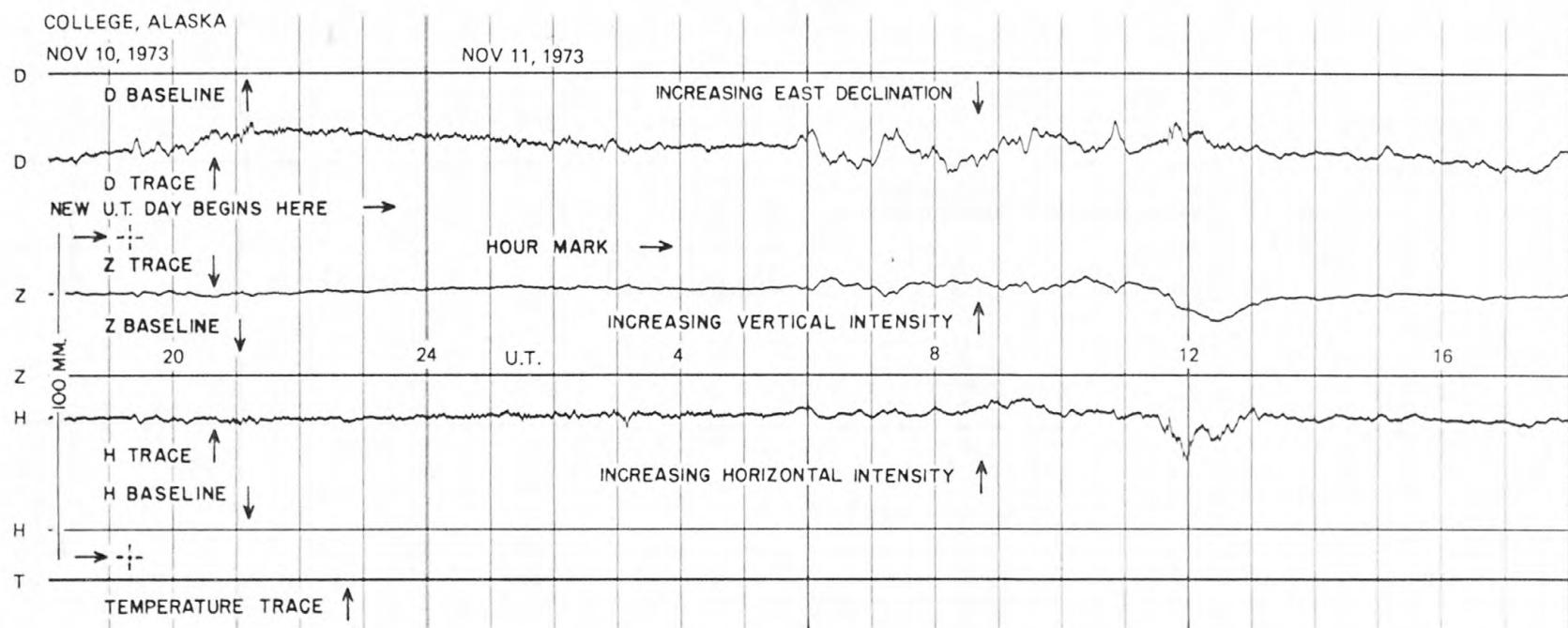
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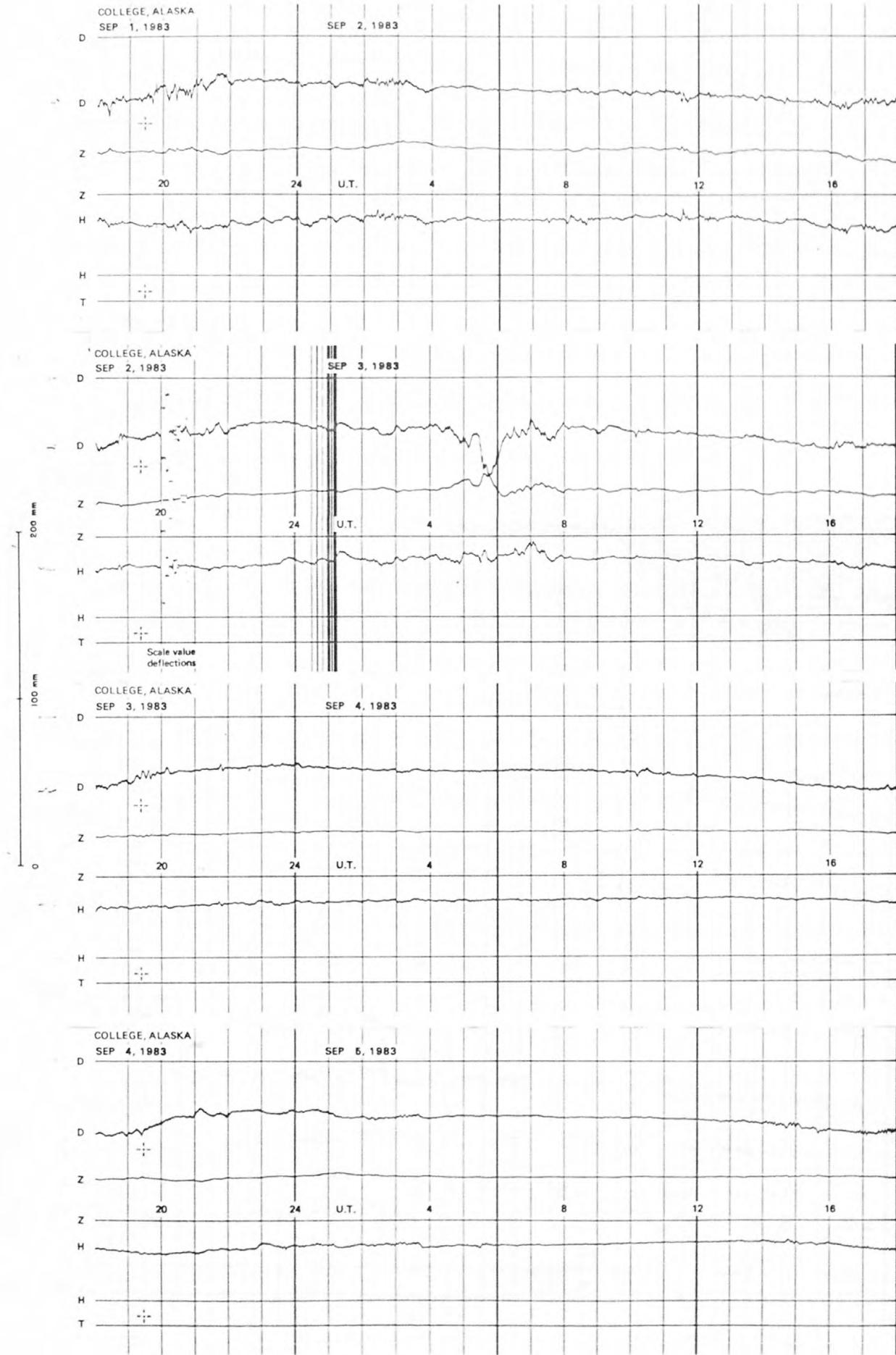
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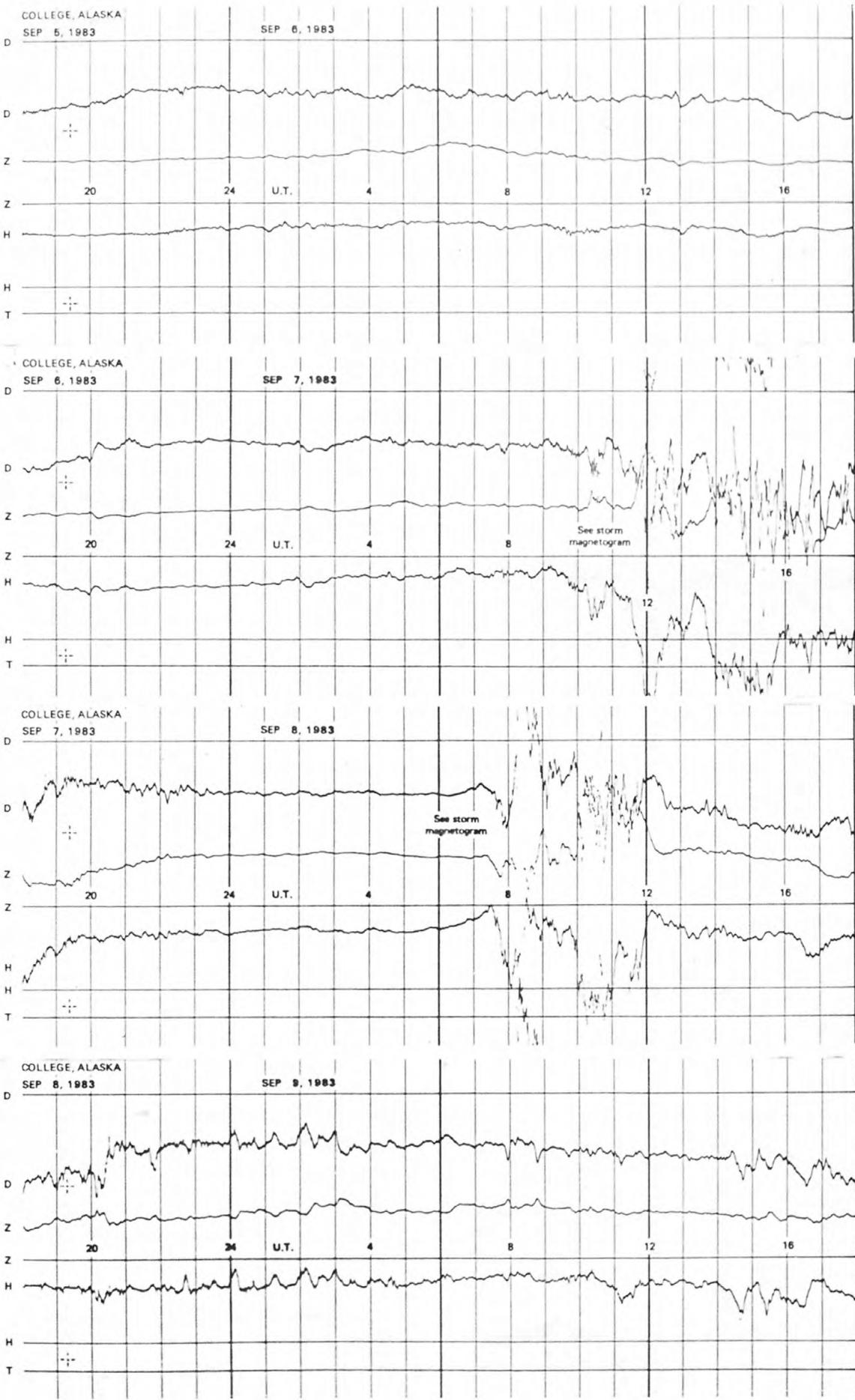


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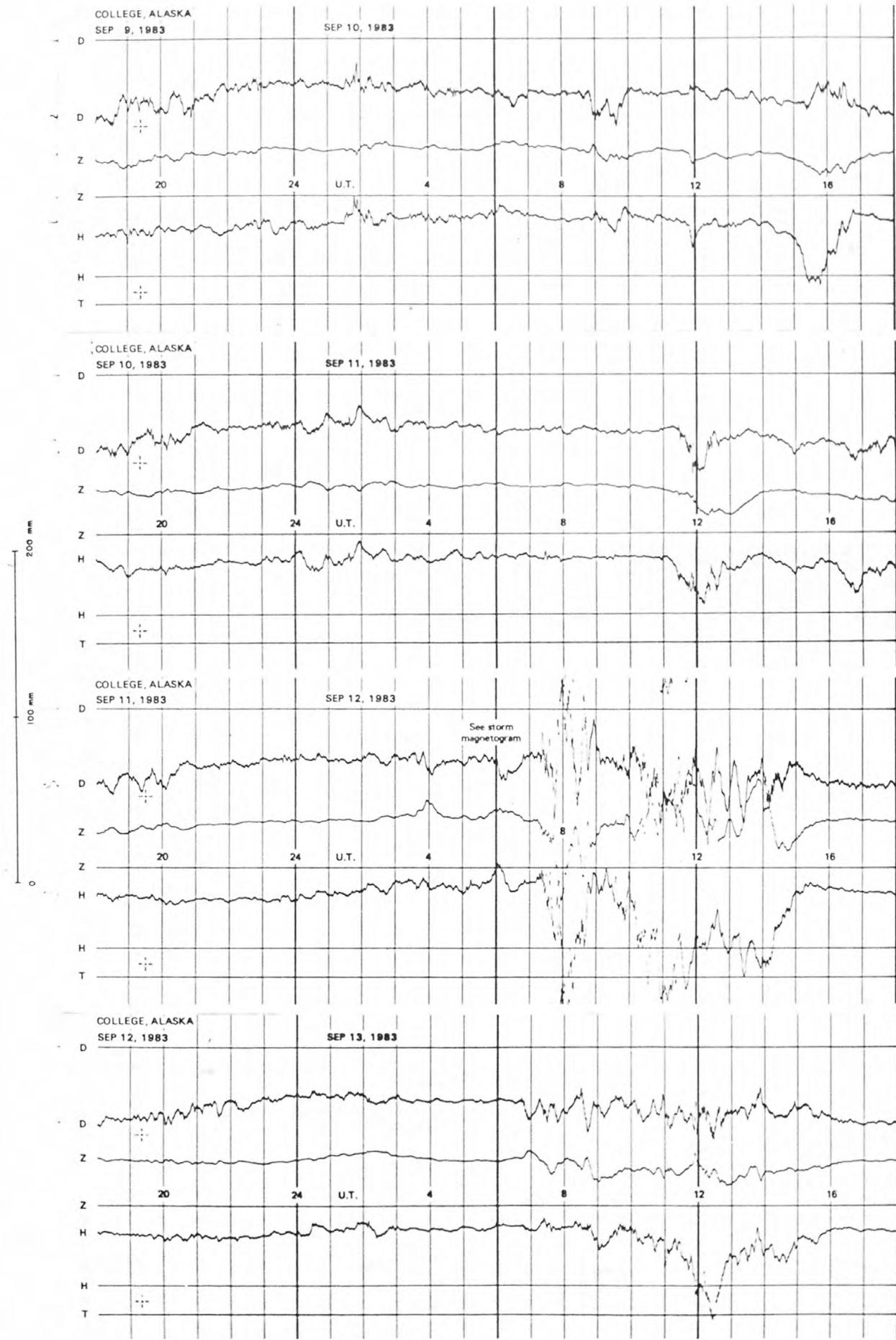
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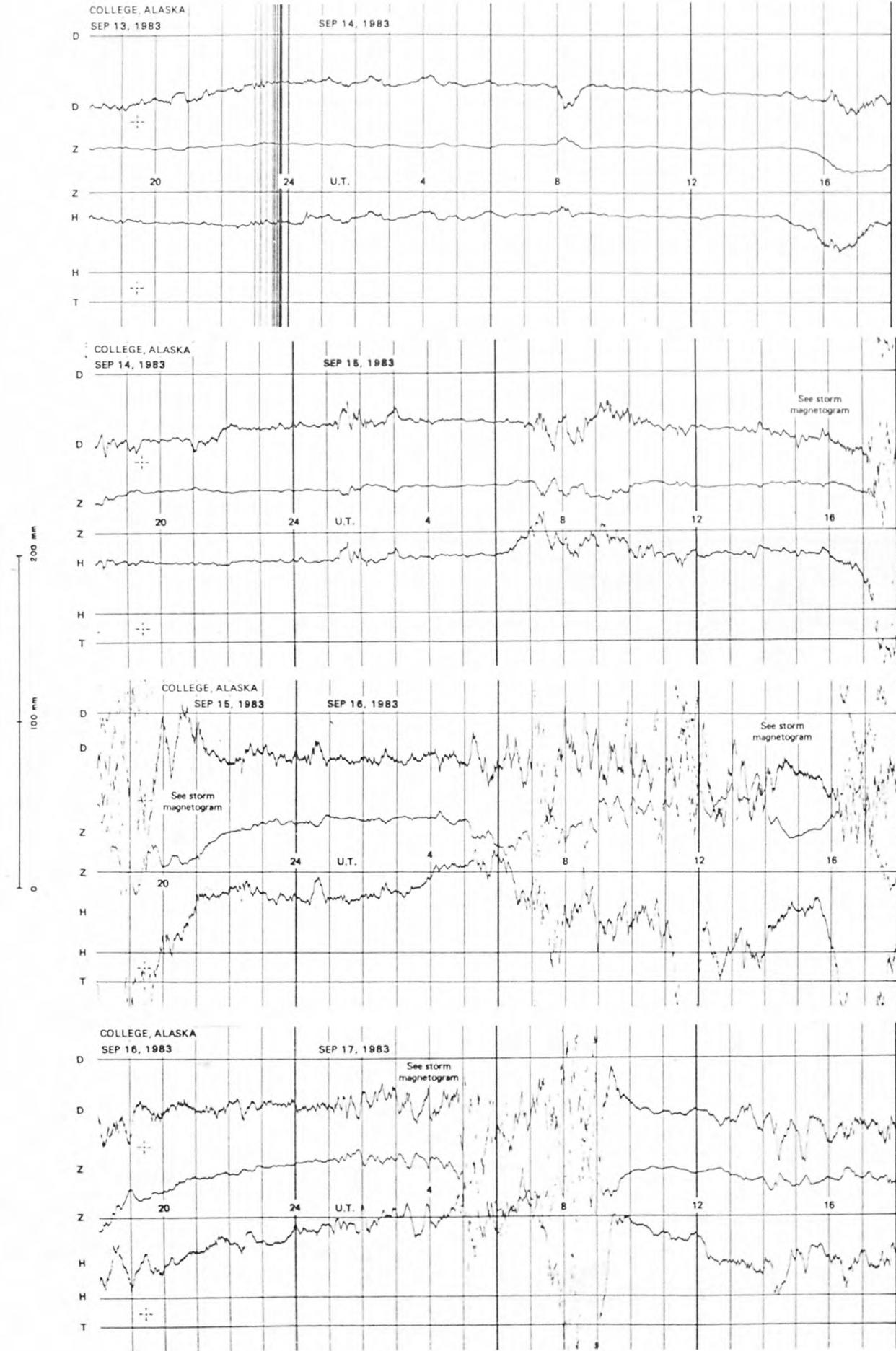
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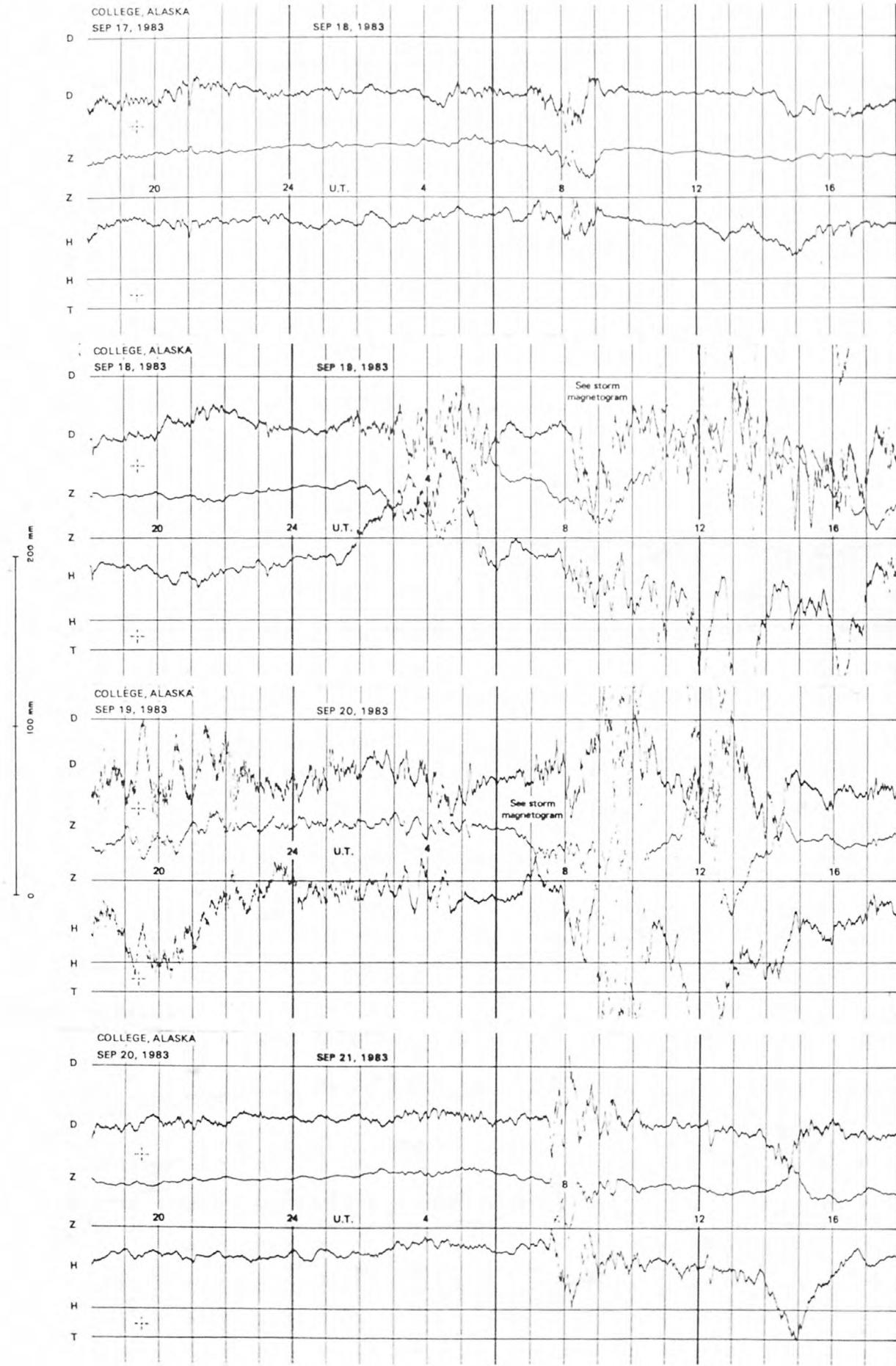
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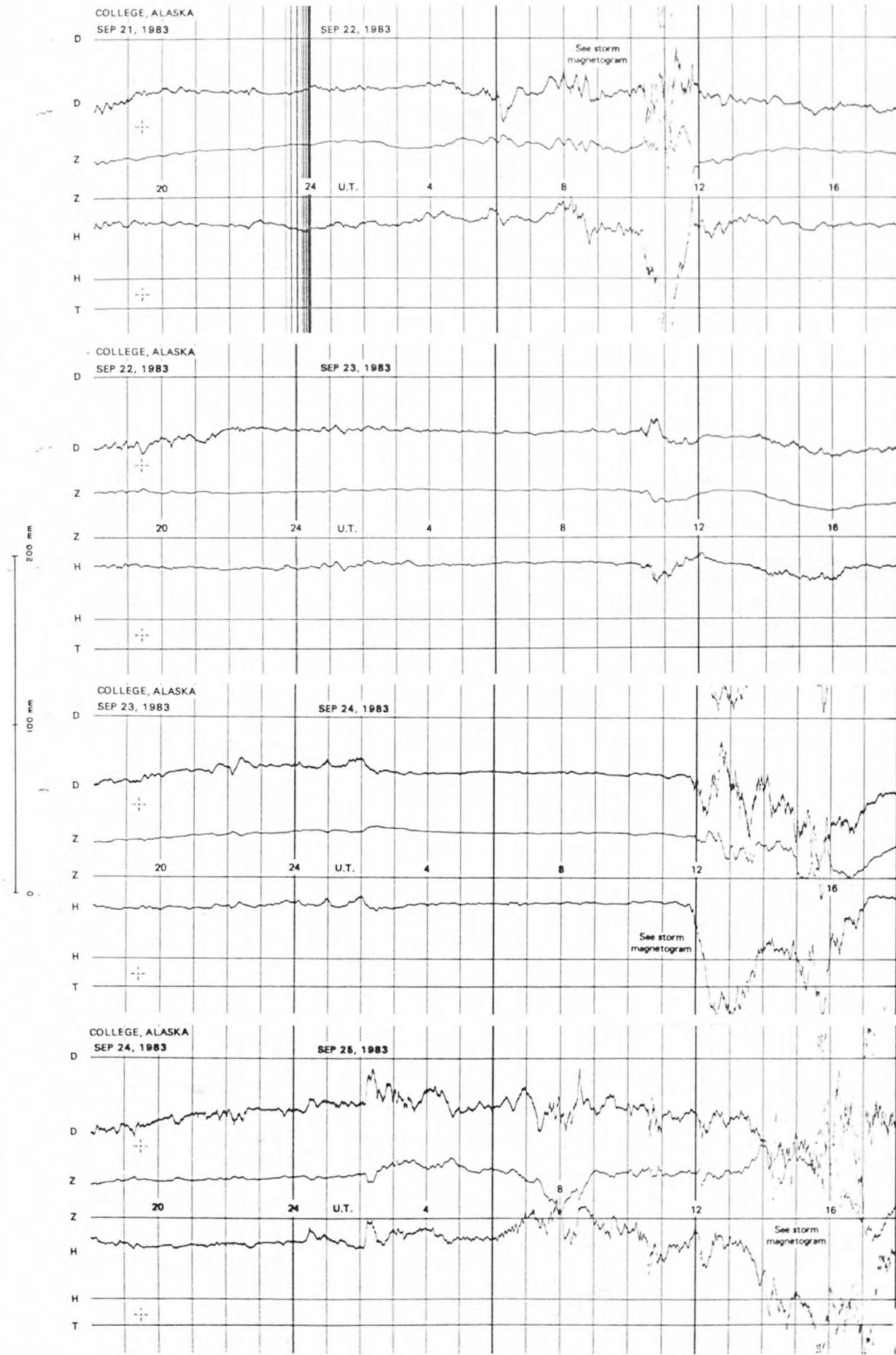
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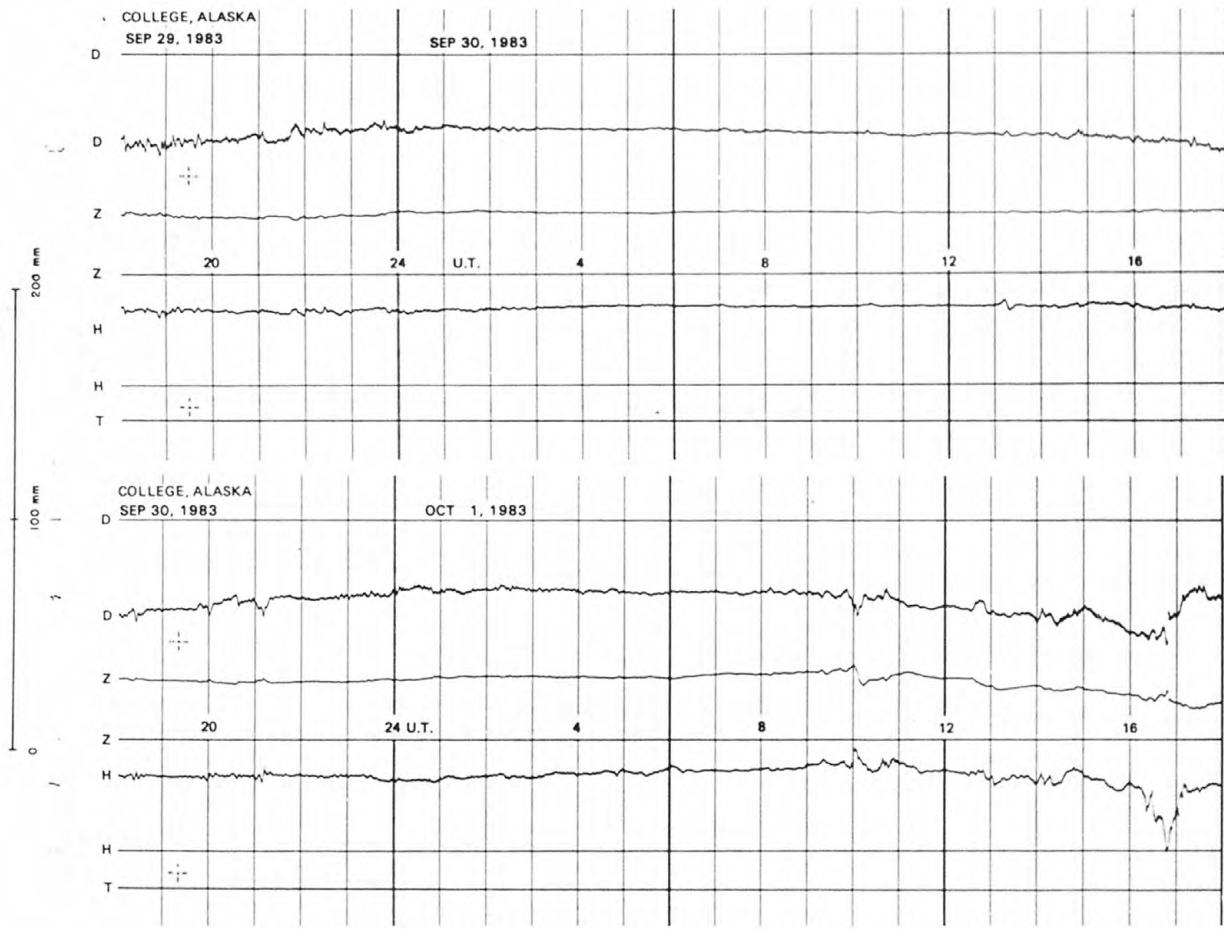
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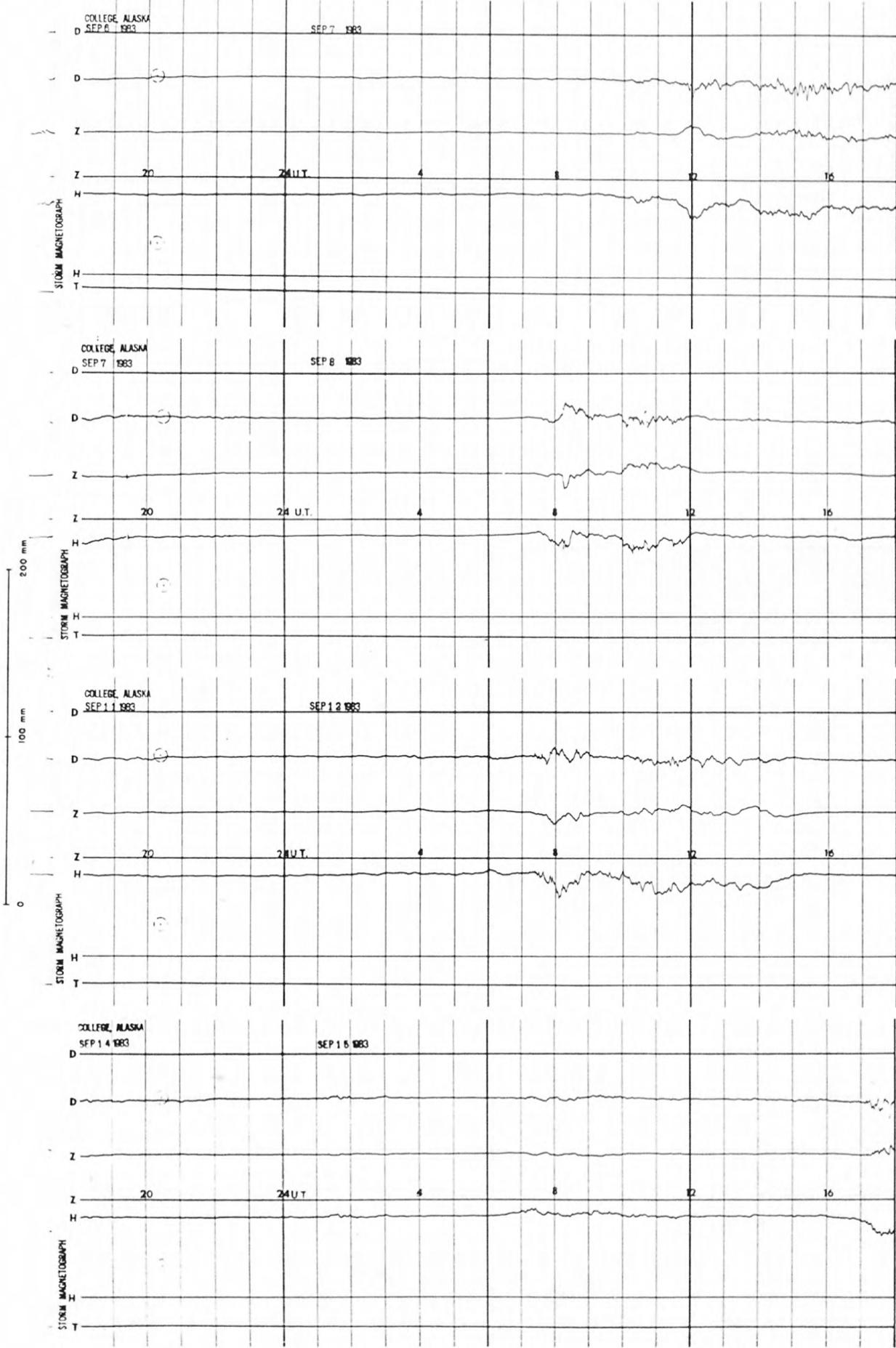
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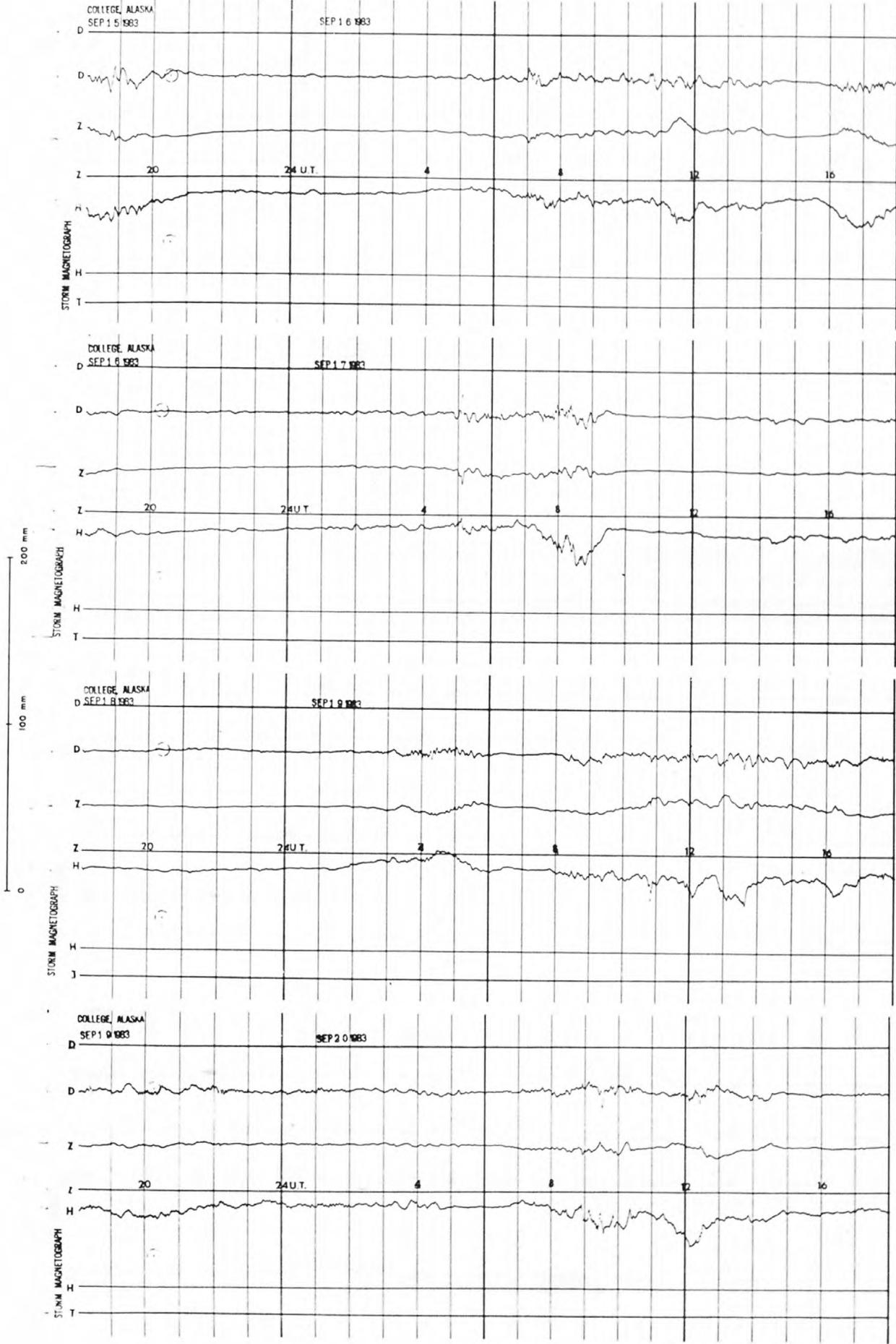
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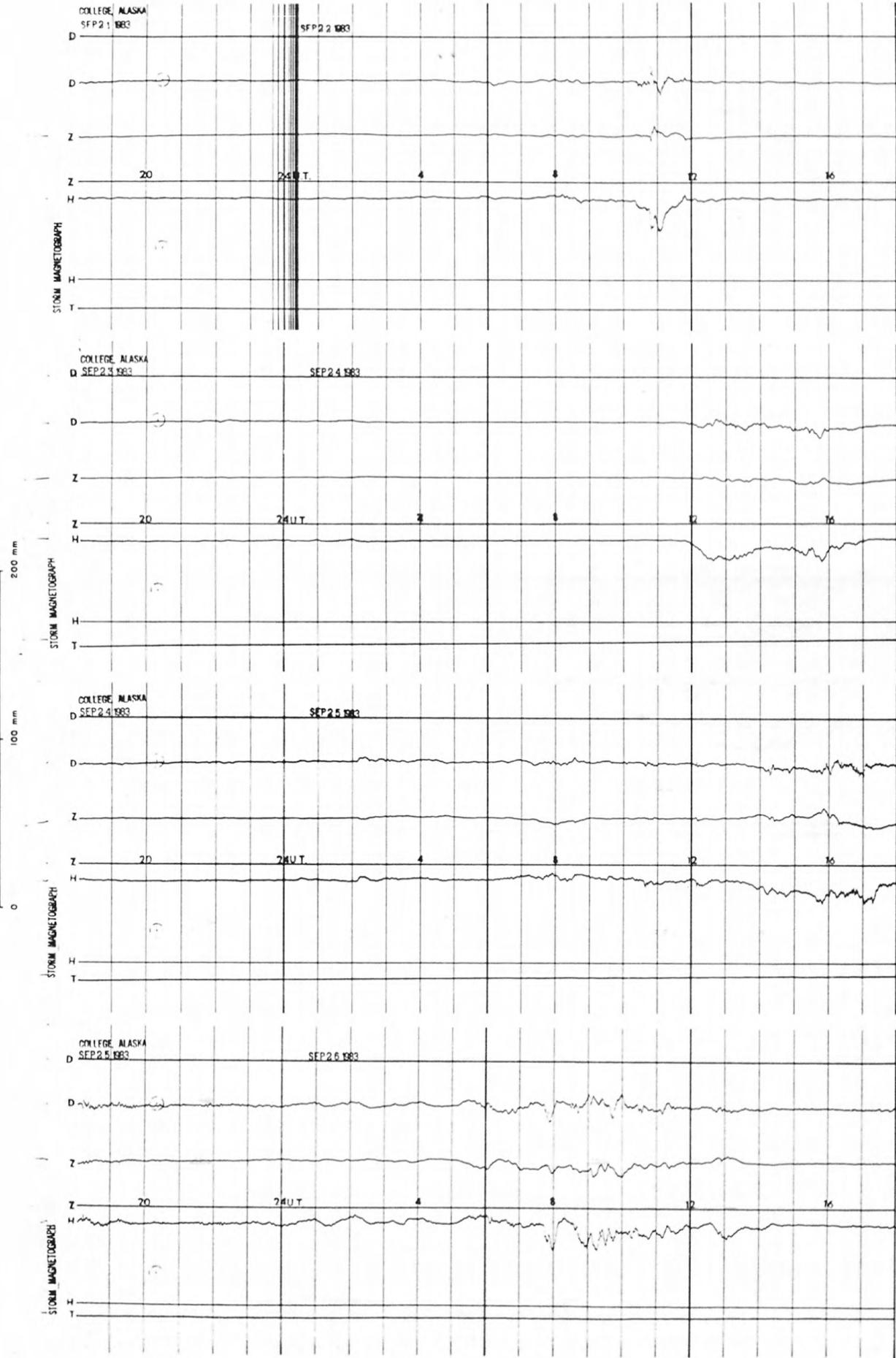
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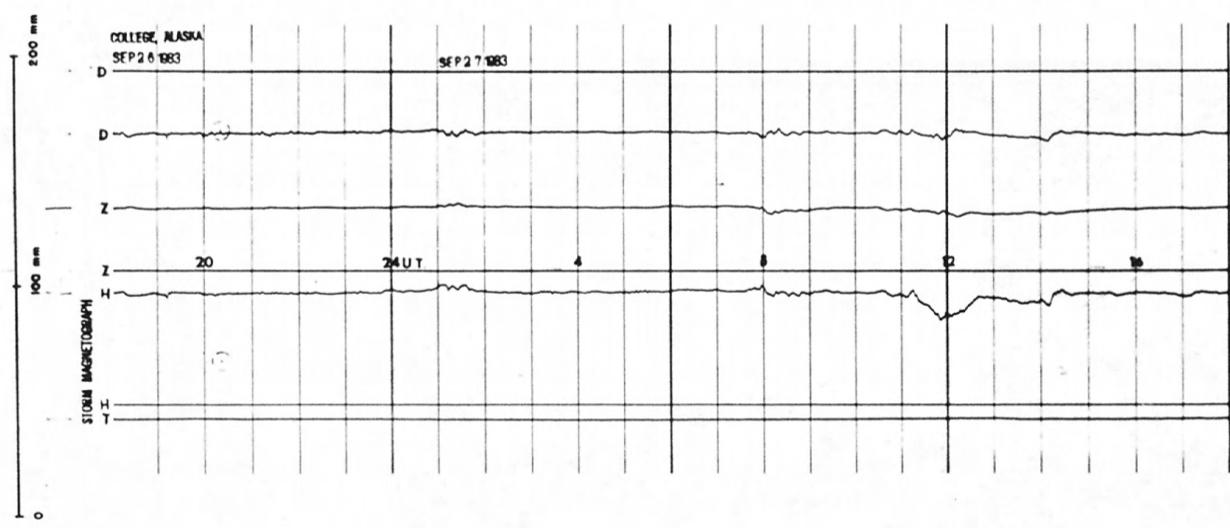
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