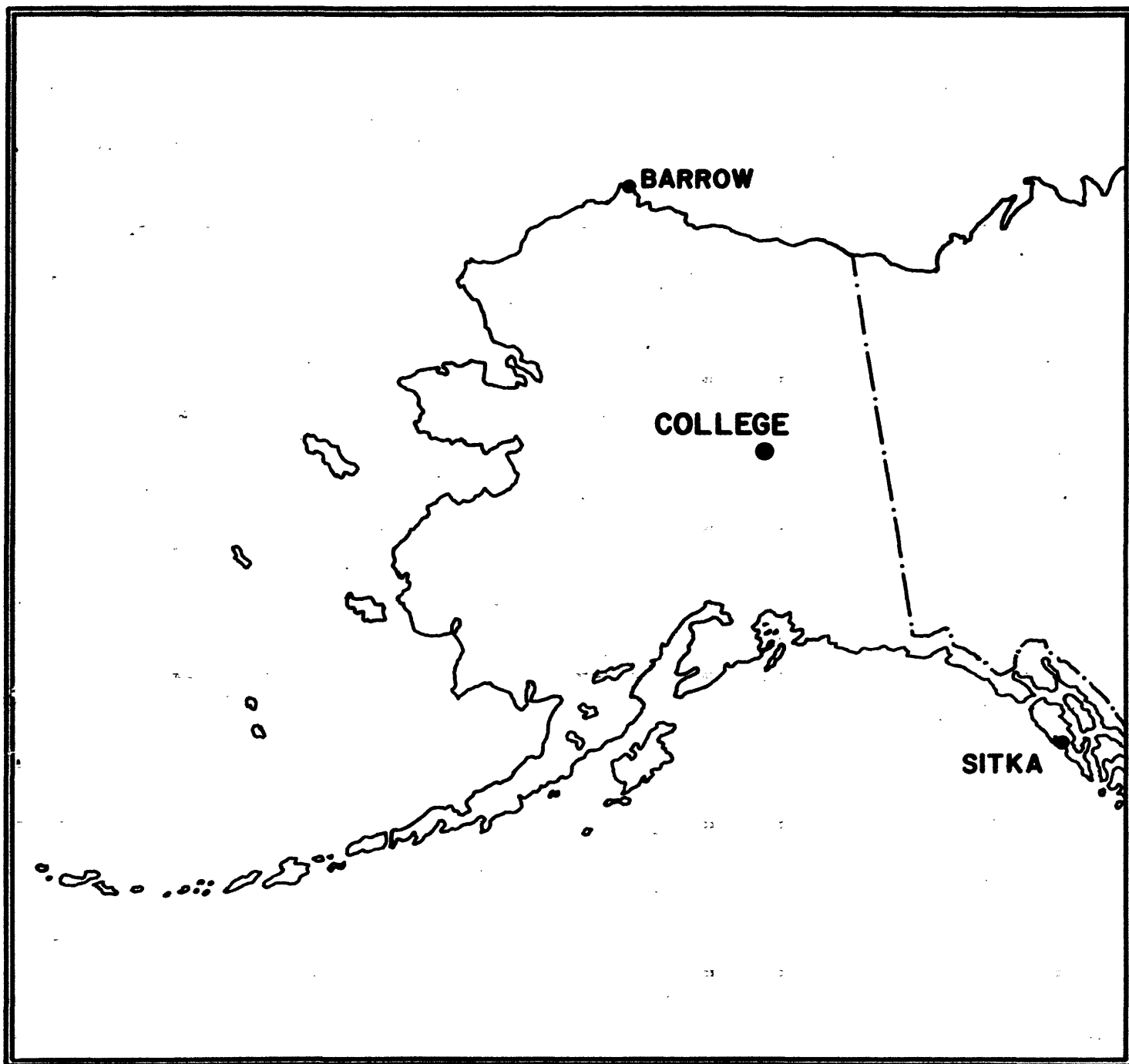


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PRELIMINARY GEOMAGNETIC DATA
COLLEGE OBSERVATORY
FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

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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 10 γ 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 (10 γ)

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.

NOAA FORM 76-133 (9-72)										U. S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION										OBSERVATORY COLLEGE, ALASKA									
MAGNETIC ACTIVITY (Greenwich civil time, counted from midnight to midnight)																				MONTH AND YEAR FEBRUARY 1985									
DATE		K-INDICES								SUM	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		2	2	6	6	5	4	3	2	30	34	SUDDEN COMMENCEMENTS d h m																	
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3		1	2	1	2	6	4	1	0	17	16																		
4		0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	01	00																		
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K SCALE USED: LOWER LIMIT FOR K = 9..... CURRENT SCALE VALUE..... LOWER LIMIT FOR K = 9				D 675.7 3.72 2510	H 322.2 7.83 2520	Z	(mm) (γ/mm) (to nearest 10γ)
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SCALINGS AND COMPUTATIONS HAVE BEEN CHECKED.

APPROVED JOHN B. TOWNSHEND, CHIEF, COLLEGE OBSERVATORY

OBSERVER IN CHARGE

OUTSTANDING MAGNETIC EFFECTS			OBSERVATORY COLLEGE, ALASKA	
			MONTH FEBRUARY	YEAR 1985
DATE	TIME U.T.	NATURE OF PHENOMENON ¹	REMARKS	
04	18xx	pc5		
05	0347	ssc*		
14	01xx	pc3, pc4, pc5		
15	16xx	pc3, pc4, pc5		
16	20xx	pc3, pc4		
17	18xx	pc4		
IDENTIFIED BY: JEP			VERIFIED BY: JBT	

1. NATURE OF PHENOMENON: ssc, ssc*, si, si*, b, bp, bs, bps, pc1, pc2 - - - pc5, pg, pi 1, pi 2, sfe.

PRINCIPAL MAGNETIC STORMS
COLLEGE OBSERVATORY, COLLEGE, ALASKA
FEBRUARY 19 85WDC-A FOR SOLAR-TERRESTRIAL PHYSICS
ENVIRONMENTAL DATA SERVICE, NOAA
BOULDER, COLORADO 80502 U.S.A.Data from Individual Observatories:

Obs. 2 letter IAO code	Geomag. lat.	Commencement		SC - amplitudes			Max. 3 hr - index K		Ranges			UT End day hr		
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		27	21XX	28	2, 5	7	291	1760	1300	28 21

NORMAL MAGNETOGRAPH

COMPONENT	PERIOD		CALIBRATION		
	FROM	TO	SCALE VALUE		BASLINE
D	0000 U.T., 2-1-85	2400 U.T., 2-28-85	1.6/mm	3.78/mm	27° 16.8 E
H	0000 U.T., 2-1-85	2400 U.T., 2-8-85	7.88/mm		126728
	0000 U.T., 2-9-85	2400 U.T., 2-28-85	"		126618
Z	0000 U.T., 2-1-85	2400 U.T., 2-14-85	7.68/mm		551748
	0000 U.T., 2-15-85	2400 U.T., 2-22-85	"		551858
	0000 U.T., 2-23-85	2400 U.T., 2-28-85	"		551788

STORM MAGNETOGRAPH

COMPONENT	PERIOD		CALIBRATION		
	FROM	TO	SCALE VALUE		BASLINE
D	0000 U.T., 2-1-85	2400 U.T., 2-28-85	7.9/mm	29.58/mm	23° 44.6 E
H	0000 U.T., 2-1-85	2400 U.T., 2-8-85	43.88/mm		107978
	0000 U.T., 2-9-85	2400 U.T., 2-28-85	"		107738
Z	0000 U.T., 2-1-85	2400 U.T., 2-28-85	48.28/mm		540948

RAPID RUN MAGNETOGRAPH

COMPONENT	PERIOD		CALIBRATION	
	FROM	TO	SCALE VALUE	
D				
H				
Z				

MONTHLY MEAN ABSOLUTE VALUES*

D	H	Z
27° 41.7 E	129068	553448

* COMPUTED FROM TEN QUIETEST DAYS DURING MONTH.

DAYS USED: FEB 2, 4, 15, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23, 26, 27

FORM CAG-604a

MAGNETOGRAM HOURLY SCALINGS

(UNIVERSAL TIME)

Values are in tenths of mm. and are averages for successive periods of one hour beginning at midnight, Hour 01 of local day 135W (M.T.) is hour 09 of the 88ME universal day.

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

FORM C65-6046		MAGNETOGRAM HOURLY SCALINGS (UNIVERSAL TIME)																								YEAR		MONTH		DAY					
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MAGNETOGRAM HOURLY SCALINGS

(UNIVERSAL TIME)

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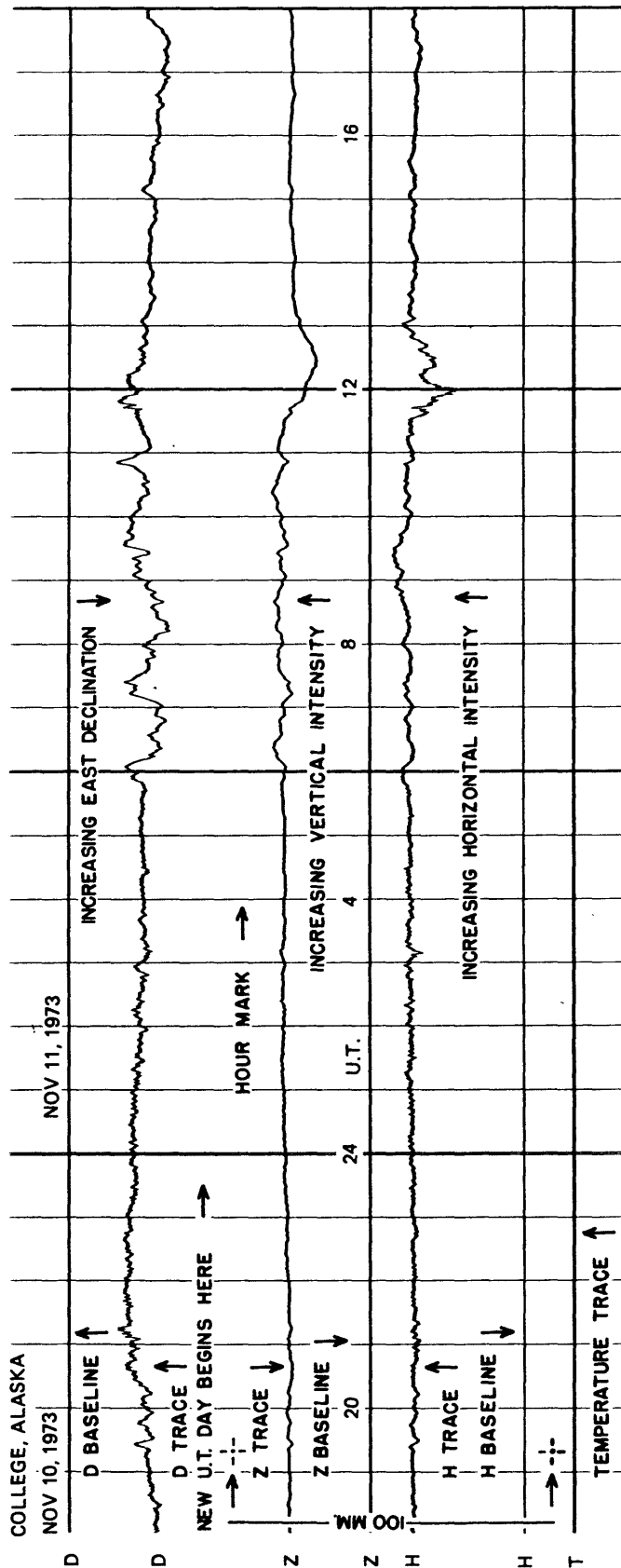
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DATE: 00 85 FEB

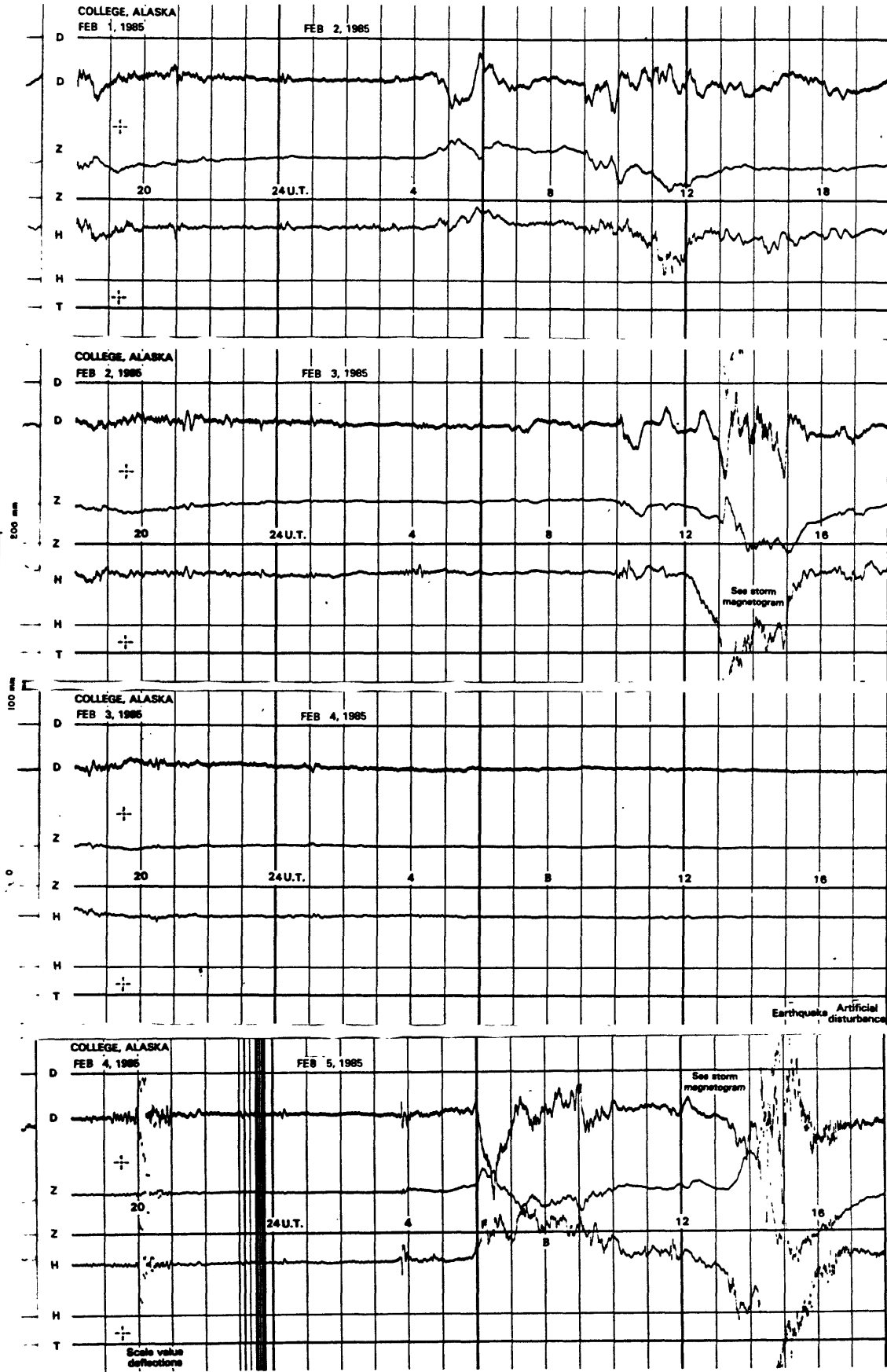
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FORMAT FOR NORMAL & STORM MAGNETOGRAMS (SAMPLE ONLY)

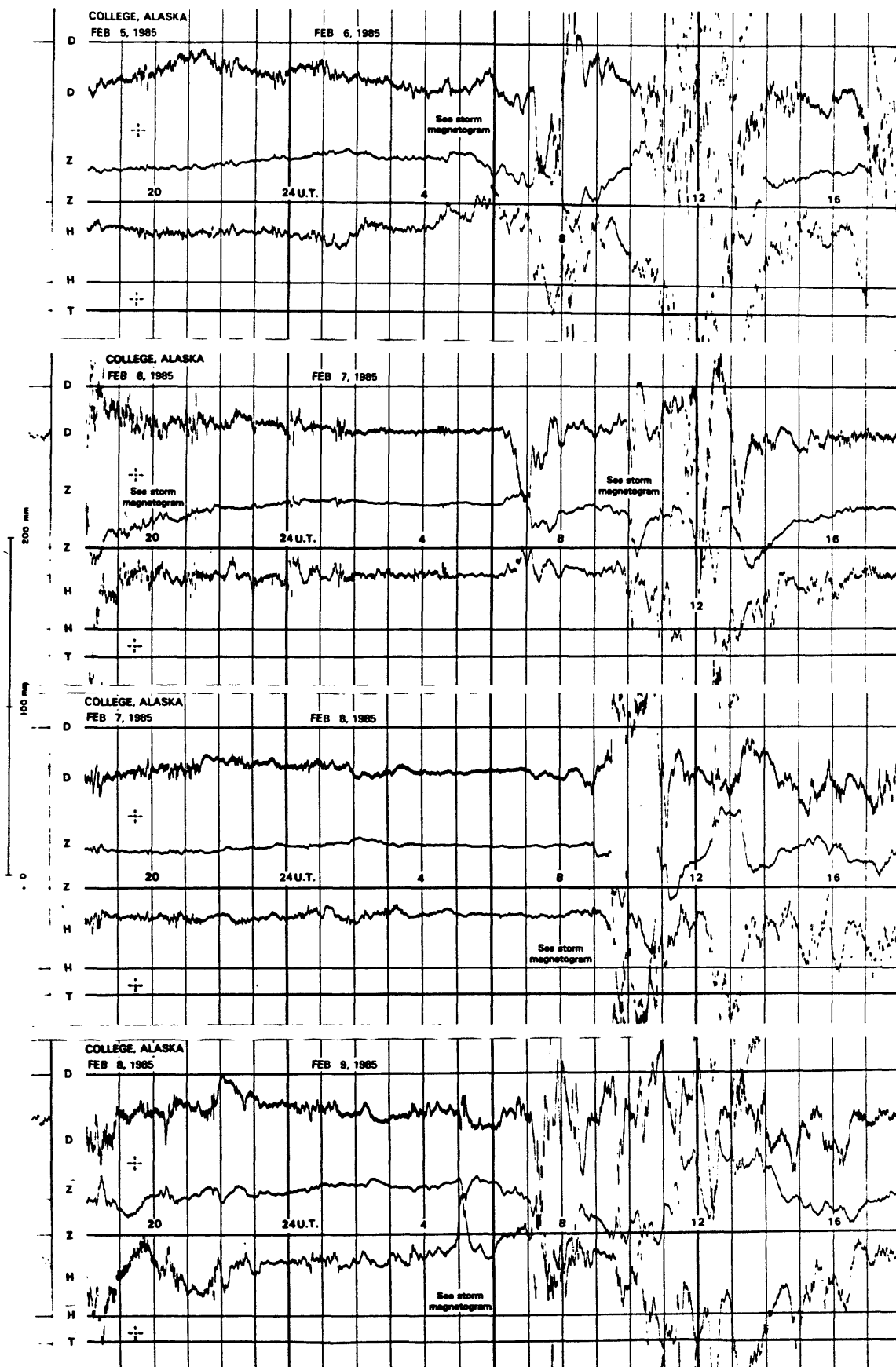


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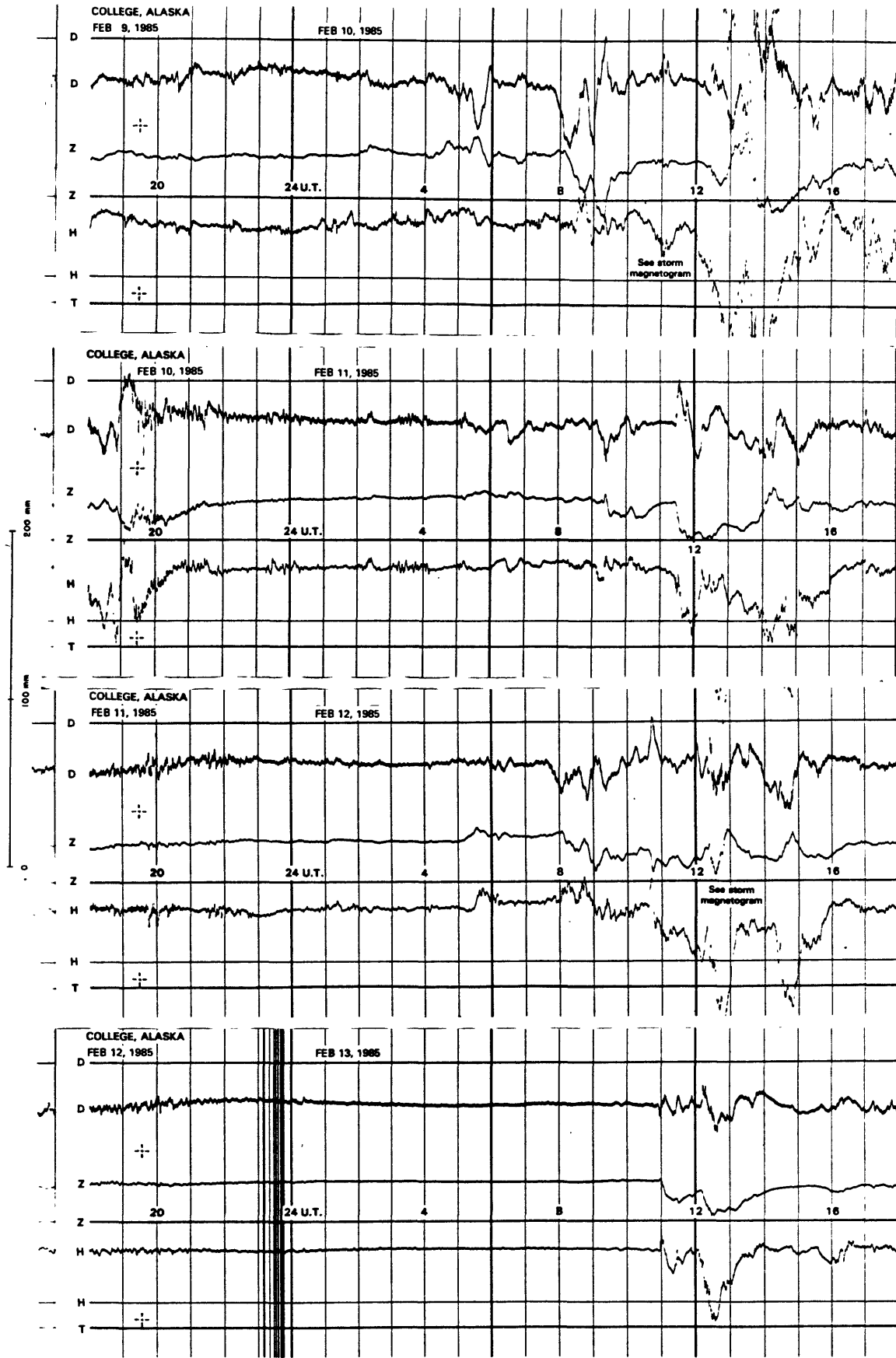
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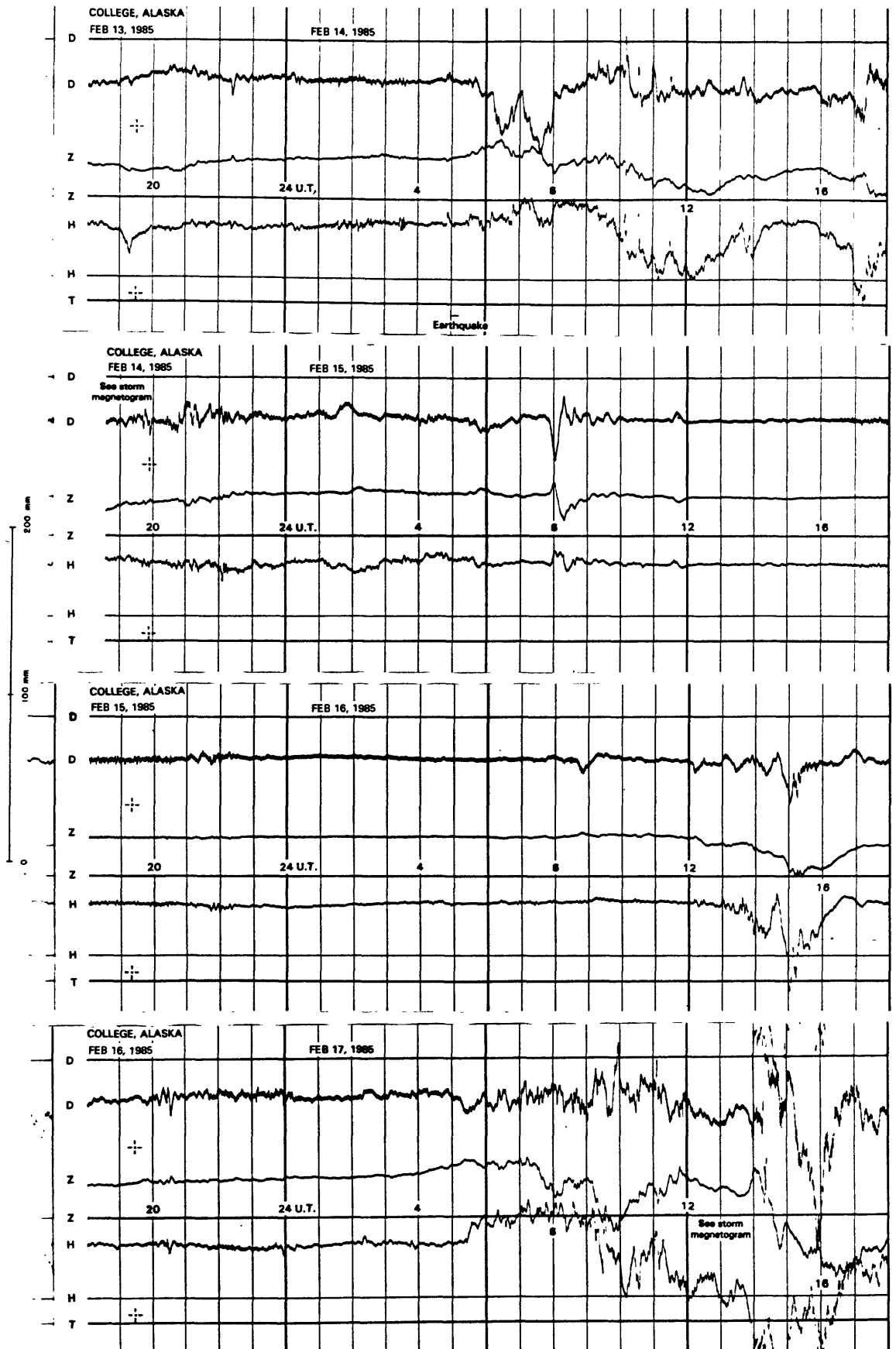
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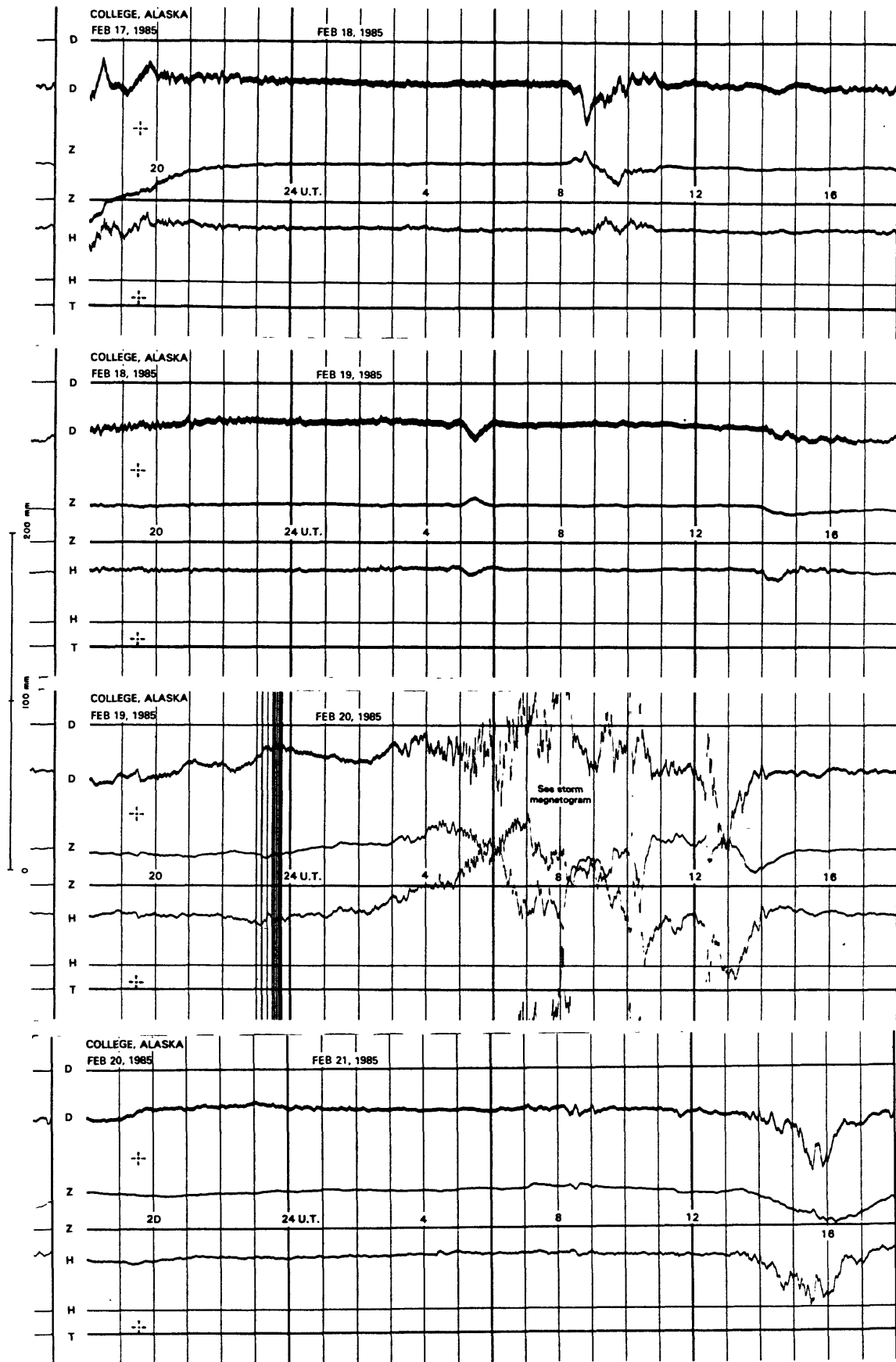
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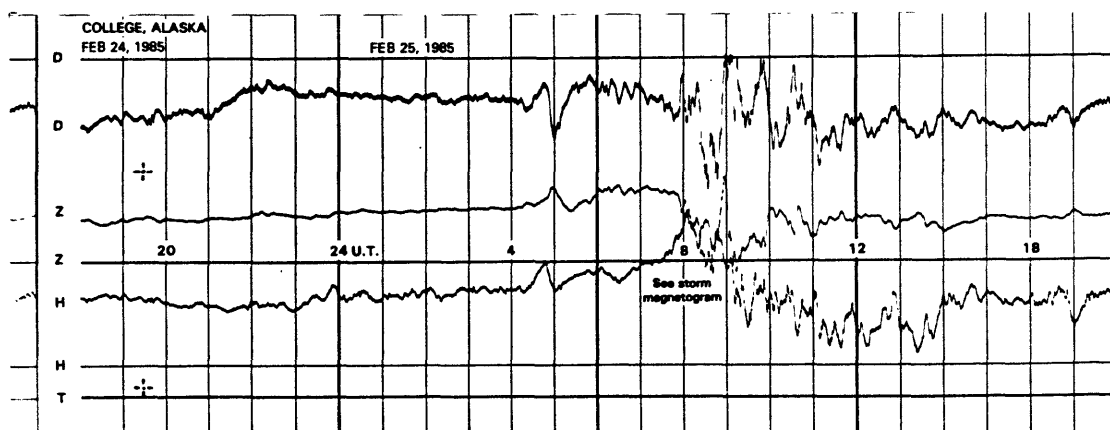
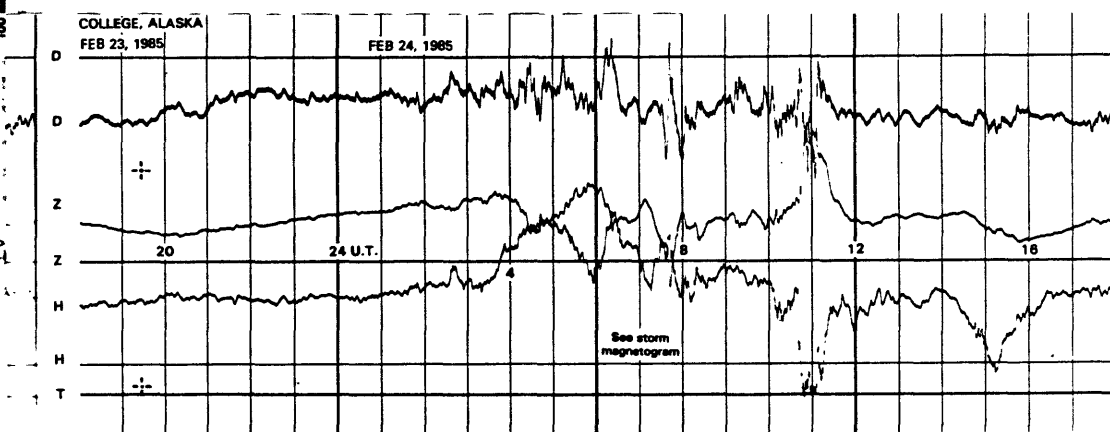
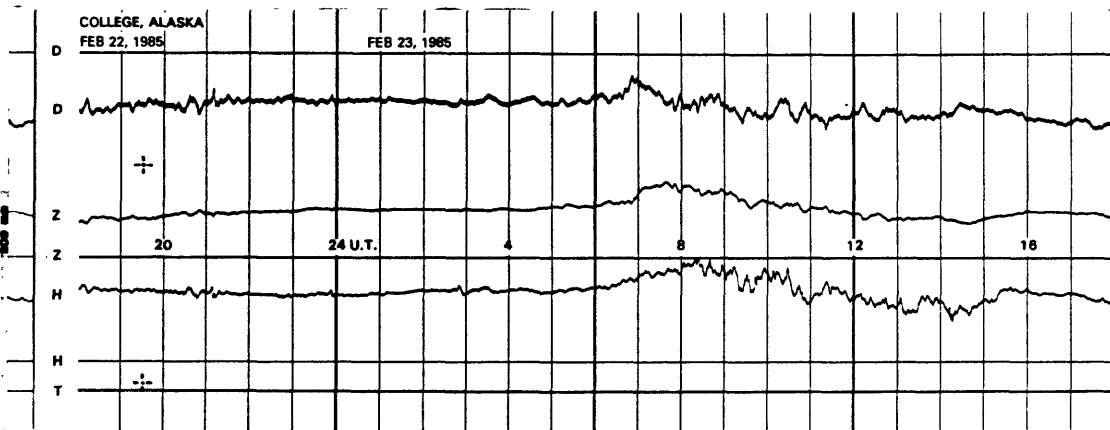
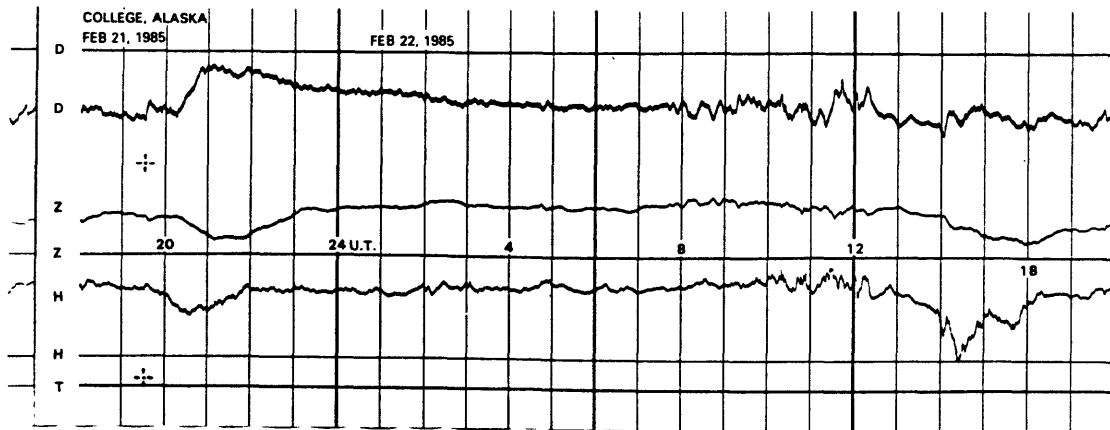
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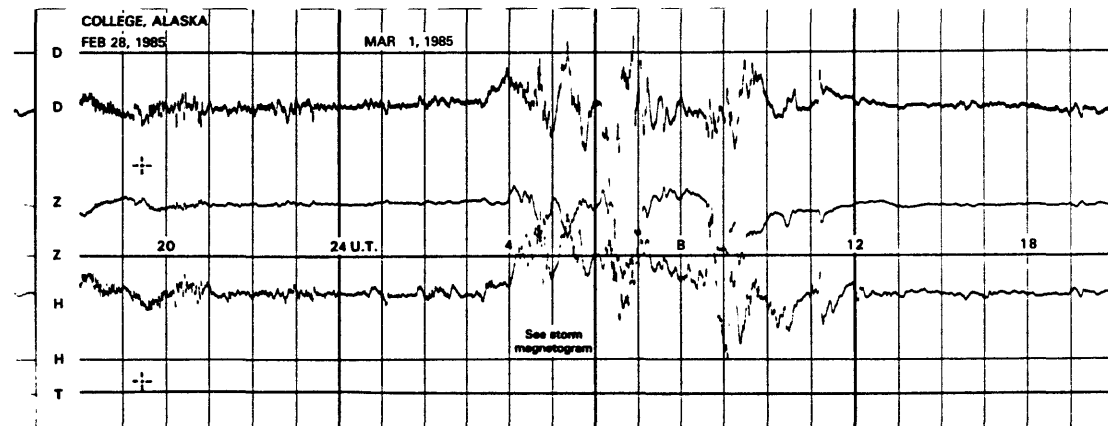
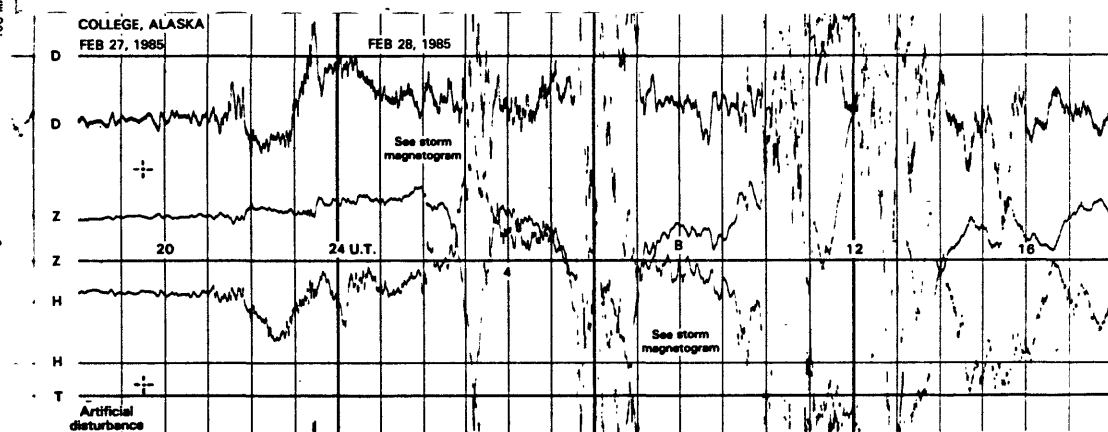
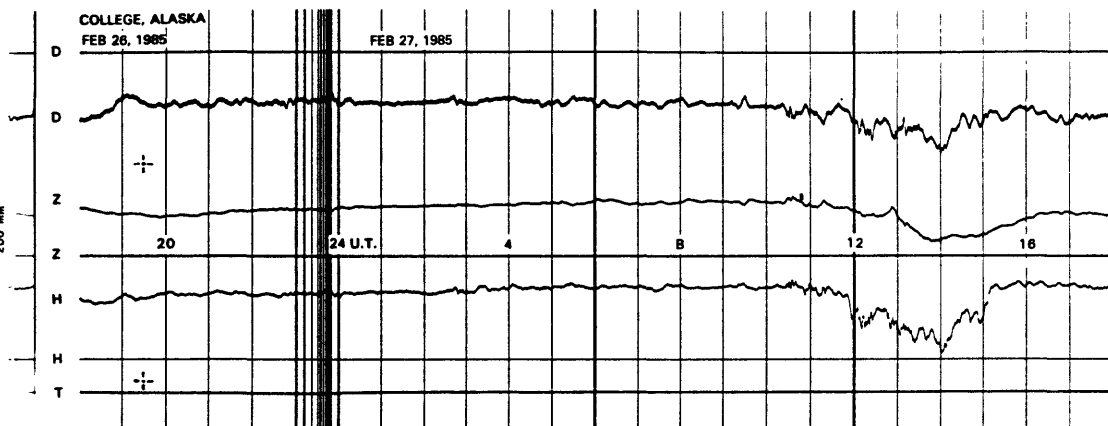
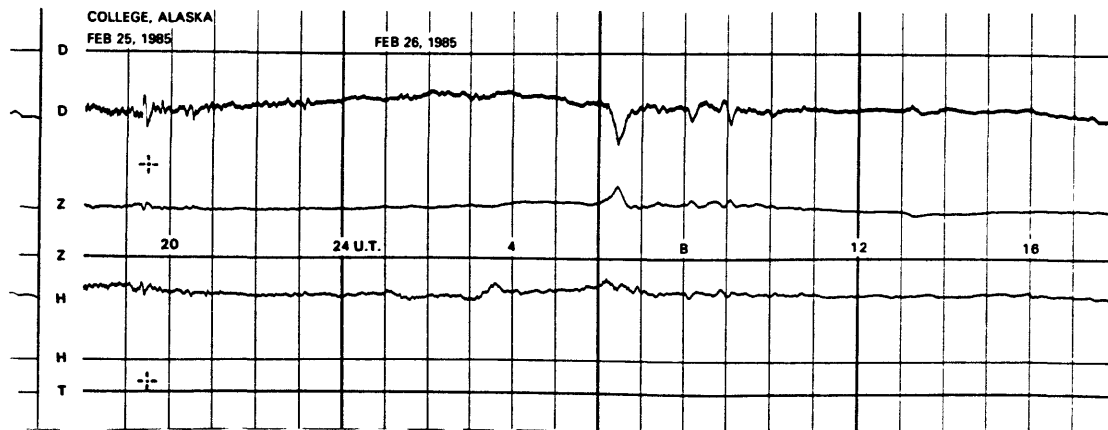
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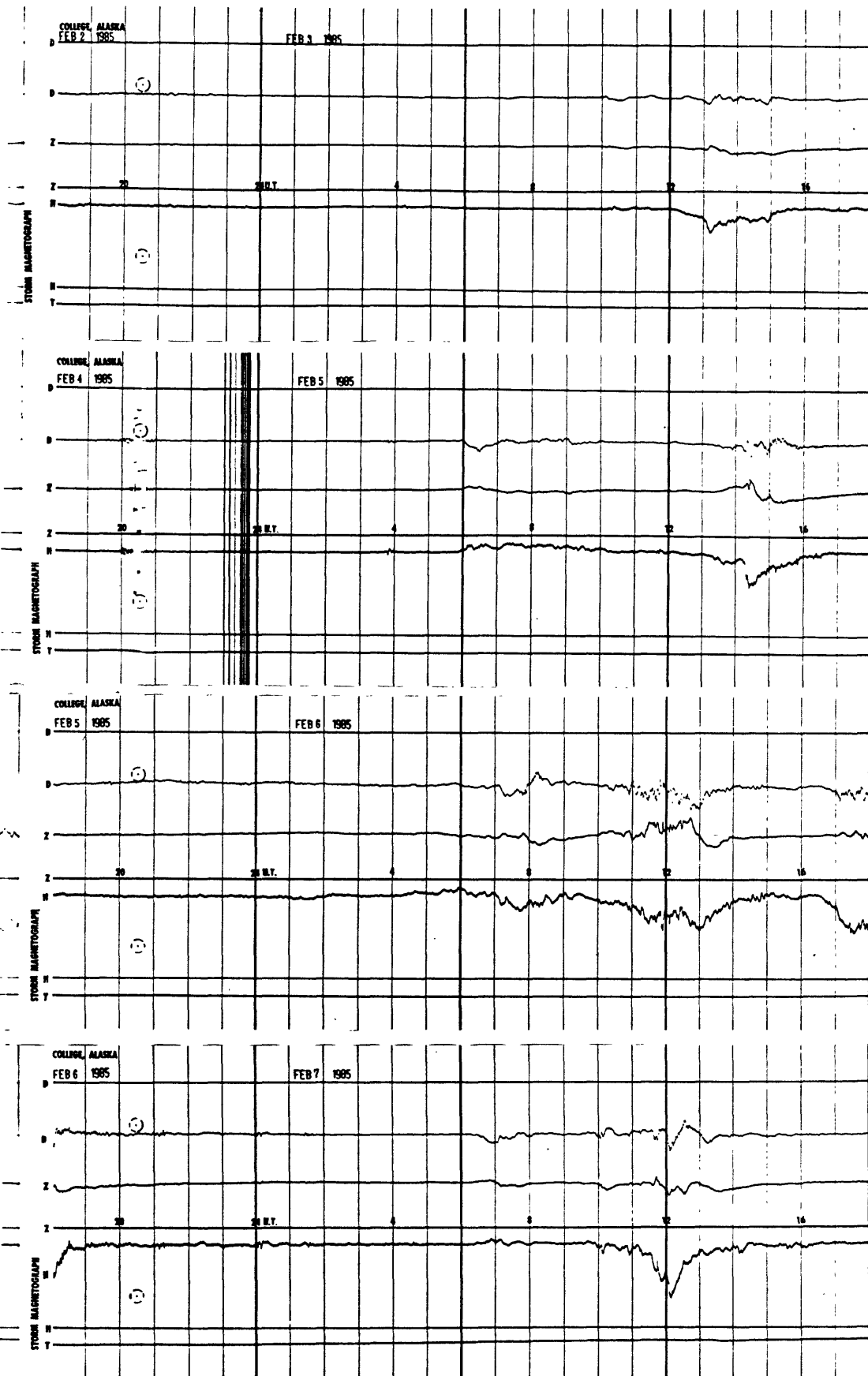


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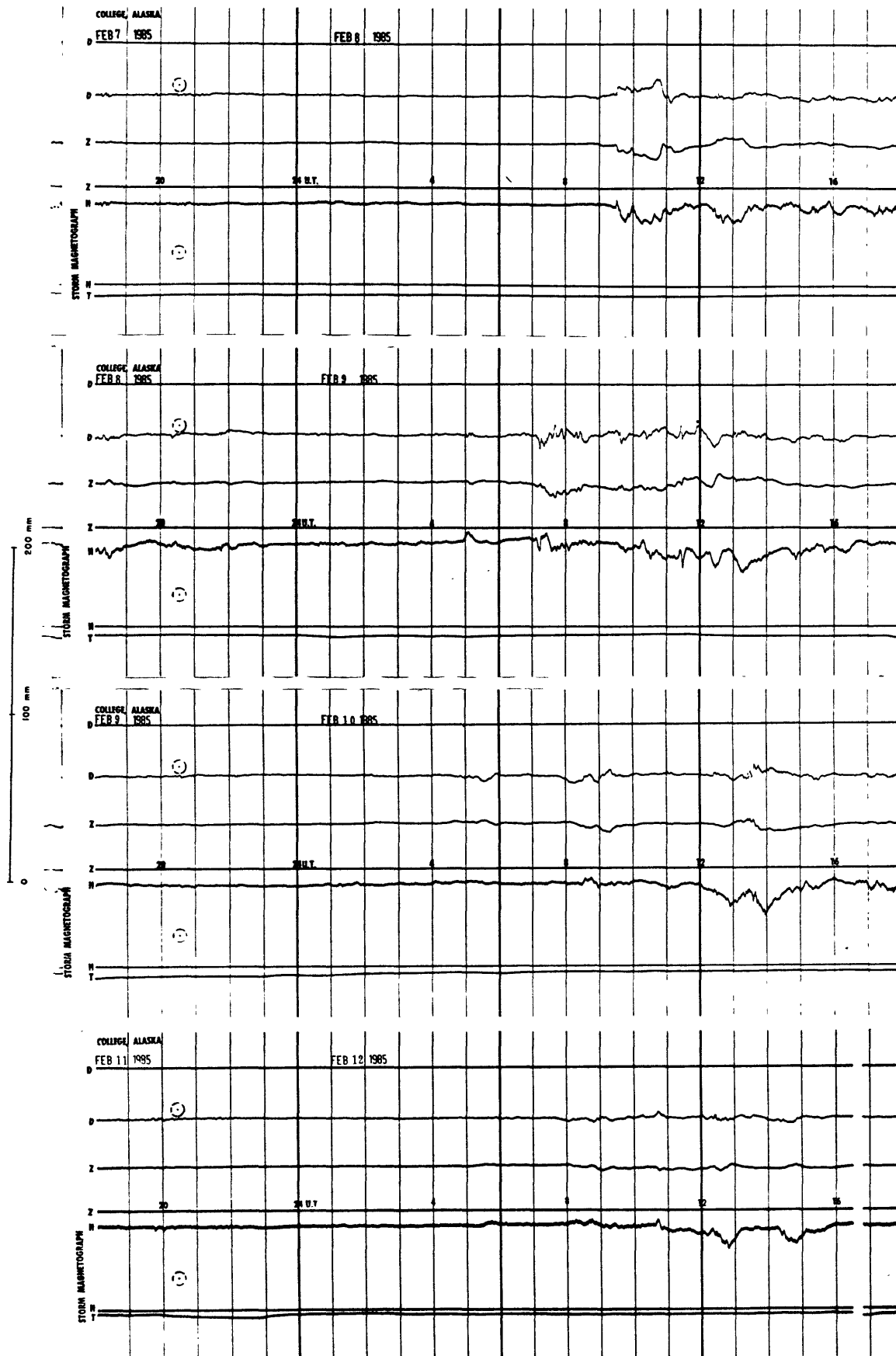


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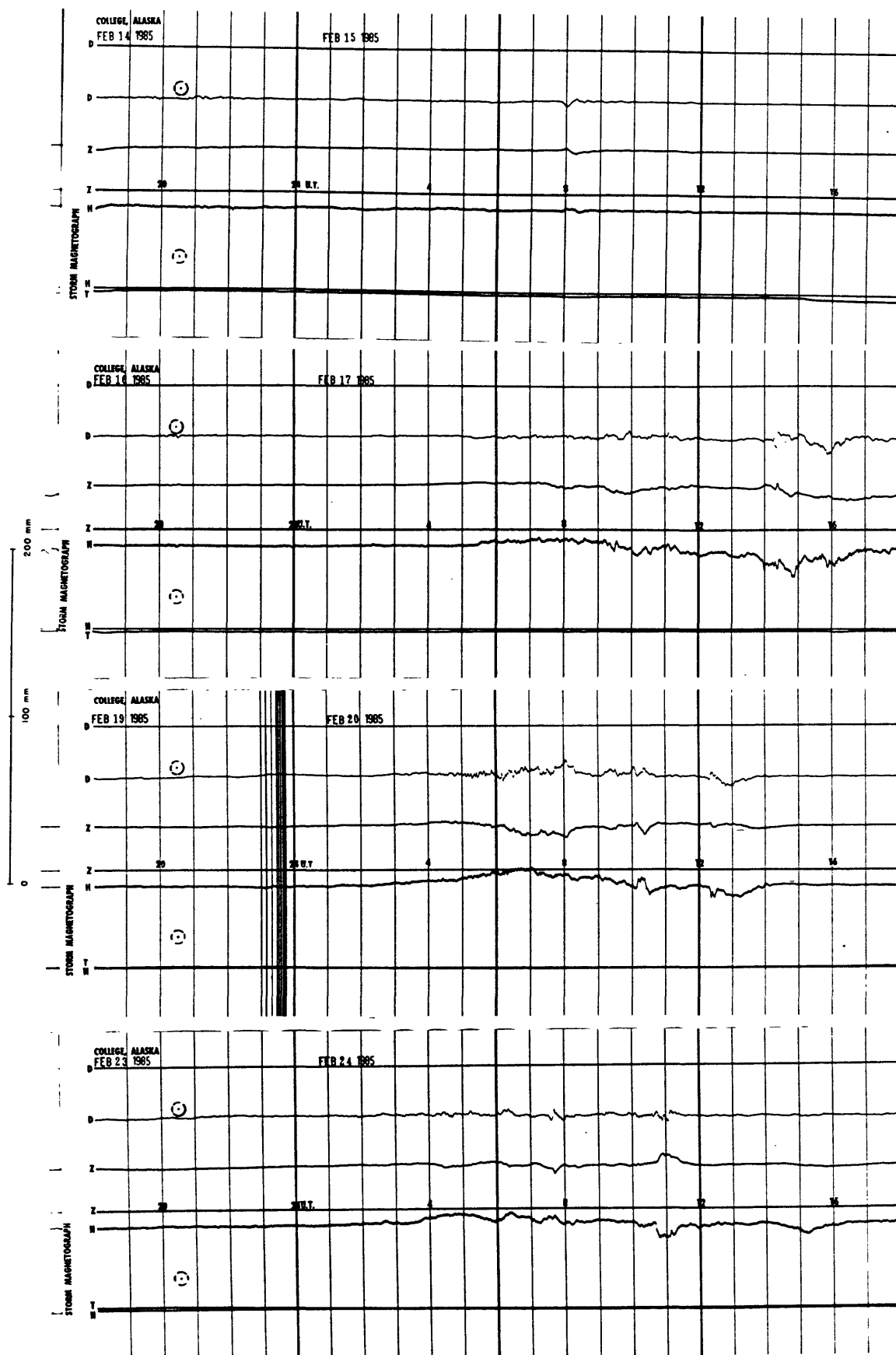
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