

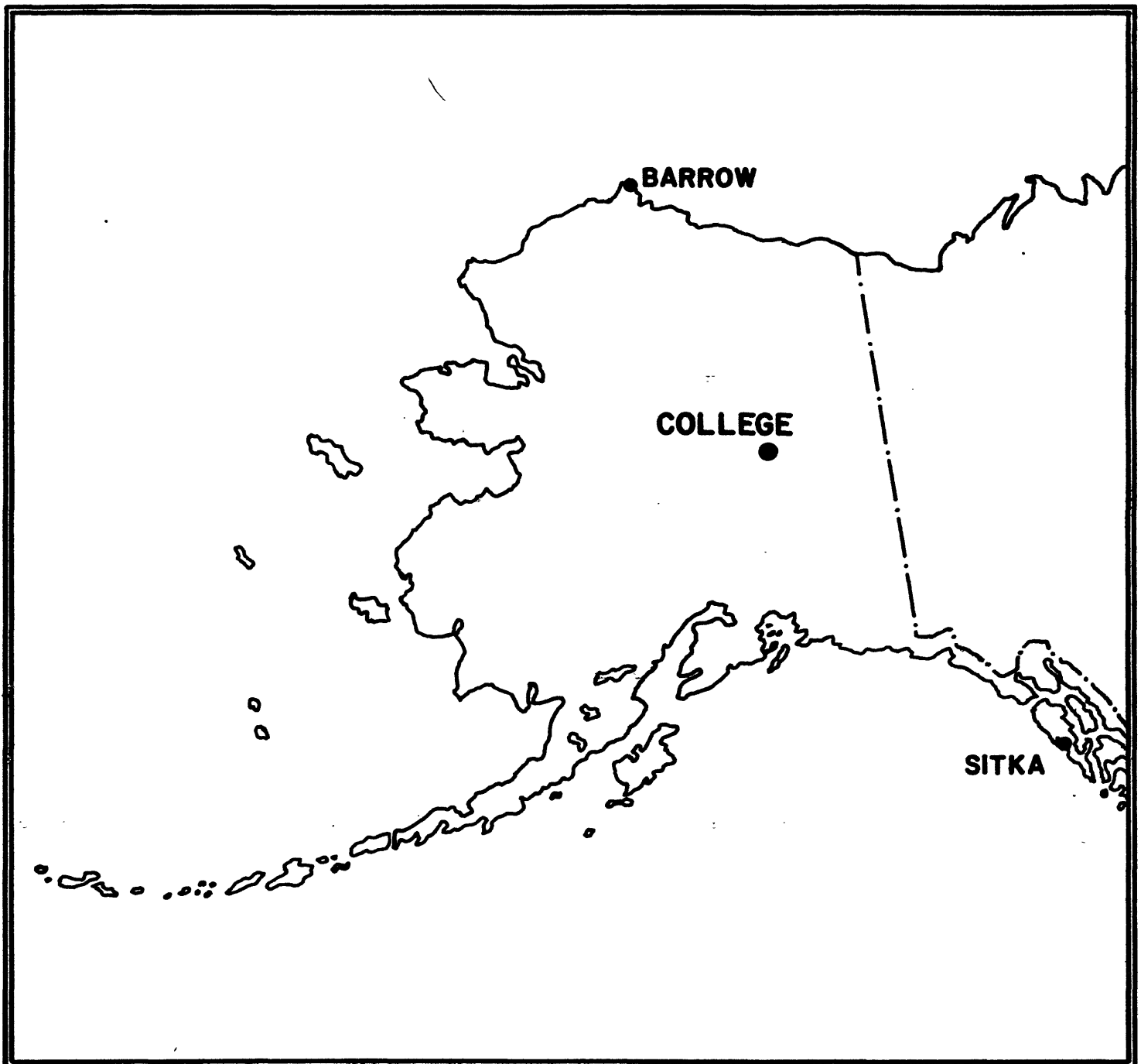
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

PRELIMINARY GEOMAGNETIC DATA COLLEGE OBSERVATORY FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

NOVEMBER 1985

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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 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 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 "OI" 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:

$$D = B_D + d \cdot S_D; \quad H = B_H + h \cdot S_H; \quad Z = B_Z + z \cdot S_Z$$

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)

MONTH AND YEAR
NOVEMBER 1985

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	SUM		
1	1	1	3	6	5	5	3	1	25	27	SUDDEN COMMENCEMENTS d h m
2	1	0	4	5	5	6	5	4	30	35	
3	4	4	3	7	5	4	1	2	30	37	
4	2	2	3	3	4	4	3	2	23	15	
5	1	0	2	6	6	3	2	2	22	25	
6	2	4	2	3	4	3	2	0	20	13	
7	1	3	2	5	3	0	0	1	15	11	
8	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	2	06	02	
9	1	2	1	4	4	6	3	2	23	21	
10	2	3	4	5	5	2	2	3	26	22	
11	3	2	3	3	4	2	2	1	20	12	
12	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	05	02	
13	1	1	3	5	7	3	4	5	29	37	
14	3	2	1	4	5	3	3	2	23	17	
15	3	2	1	5	6	2	2	2	23	22	
16	2	2	2	4	4	2	2	2	20	12	
17	0	0	1	6	5	6	3	1	22	29	
18	2	2	2	3	5	5	3	3	25	20	
19	3	3	0	2	1	2	2	1	14	07	
20	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	03	01	
21	1	0	1	0	1	0	2	1	06	02	
22	1	2	0	3	2	1	2	0	11	05	
23	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	03	01	
24	1	1	0	2	2	0	0	0	06	03	
25	1	2	2	3	0	0	0	0	08	04	
26	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	04	02	
27	0	2	5	5	6	6	2	2	28	35	
28	1	1	0	3	0	1	1	1	08	04	
29	0	0	1	3	5	5	6	5	25	30	
30	5	5	7	7	7	3	2	2	38	68	
31											

POSSIBLE SOLAR-FLARE
EFFECTS BASED ON
INSPECTION OF GRAMS
ALONE (WITHOUT
REFERENCE TO DATA
FROM OTHER SOURCES)

BEGIN			END		
d	h	m	d	h	m

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

7.80

2510

Z

(mm)

(γ/mm)

(to nearest 10γ)

SCALINGS AND COMPUTATIONS HAVE BEEN CHECKED.

APPROVED JOHN B. TOWNSHEND, CHIEF, COLLEGE OBSERVATORY

OBSERVER IN CHARGE

OUTSTANDING MAGNETIC EFFECTS	OBSERVATORY COLLEGE, ALASKA	
	MONTH NOVEMBER	YEAR 1985

DATE	TIME U.T.	NATURE OF PHENOMENON ¹	REMARKS
23	16XX	pc4 & pc5	

IDENTIFIED BY: JBT	VERIFIED BY: JEP
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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.

PRINCIPAL MAGNETIC STORMS
COLLEGE OBSERVATORY, COLLEGE, ALASKA
NOVEMBER 1985

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

Data from Individual Observatories:

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
C0	64.6 N	02	06XX	..	..	..	03	4	7	161	1270	690	03	18
		29	06XX	..	..	..	30	3, 4, 5	7	279	1880	1070	30	18

NORMAL MAGNETOGRAPH

COMPONENT	PERIOD		CALIBRATION		
	FROM	TO	SCALE VALUE		BASELINE
D	0000 U.T., 11-1-85	2400 U.T., 11-30-85	1.6/mm	3.78/mm	27° 16.8 E
H	0000 U.T., 11-1-85	2400 U.T., 11-30-85	7.88/mm		126708
Z	0000 U.T., 11-1-85	2400 U.T., 11-30-85	7.68/mm		551838

STORM MAGNETOGRAPH

COMPONENT	PERIOD		CALIBRATION		
	FROM	TO	SCALE VALUE		BASELINE
D	0000 U.T., 11-1-85	2400 U.T., 11-30-85	7.9/mm	29.58/mm	23° 45.9 E
H	0000 U.T., 11-1-85	2400 U.T., 11-30-85	43.98/mm		106958
Z	0000 U.T., 11-1-85	2400 U.T., 11-30-85	48.28/mm		541268

RAPID RUN MAGNETOGRAPH

COMPONENT	PERIOD		CALIBRATION	
	FROM	TO	SCALE VALUE	
D				
H				
Z				

MONTHLY MEAN ABSOLUTE VALUES*

D	H	Z
27° 36.0 E	128948	553388

* COMPUTED FROM TEN QUIETEST DAYS DURING MONTH.

DAYS USED: NOV 8, 12, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 28

MAGNETOGRAM HOURLY SCALINGS
(UNIVERSAL TIME)

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR
Geological Survey, Geologic Division
Bower Federal Center
BOWEN, CO 80235

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 same universal day.
Shrinkage corrections have been applied. Negative values are in red, with minus signs above.

C	Q	S	O	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	SUM
01	211	211	214	211	221	241	236	241	225	179	55	-8	01	137	100	225	130	120	166	151	159	179	180	197	198	197	198	4199
02	206	209	218	214	219	225	226	151	224	216	186	308	02	302	605	469	210	158	139	180	170	124	129	174	239	174	5497	
03	271	244	284	294	238	239	242	206	227	160	70	64	03	172	131	130	168	107	174	187	193	208	210	223	239	239	4674	
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05	223	223	219	221	219	217	225	245	201	200	34	82	05	-102	-15	64	72	42	33	64	179	176	210	258	249	249	3547	
06	243	241	247	278	249	273	262	226	226	226	208	200	06	188	124	127	160	190	173	163	173	181	193	207	219	219	5156	
07	230	238	241	245	254	258	284	257	226	174	139	68	07	103	171	193	199	206	206	196	186	190	202	218	218	218	4895	
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 CHECKED BY: JRF, PAF, HRE
 SHIMS RE-VIEWED BY: JRF
 PUNCHED BY: JRF

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

(.) Interpolated
 [] Significant portion of record off sheet for part of hour; if value is available because of faulty record.
 * Derived from STORM Magh., converted to Normal Magh.

Scaling incorrect because of magnetic storm.
 <> Record off sheet for part of hour; if value is available because of faulty record.

MONTHLY SUM: 441,713
 MONTHLY MEAN: 197
 DATES WITH DATA:

FORM CASL-244

MAGNETOGRAM HOURLY SCALINGS

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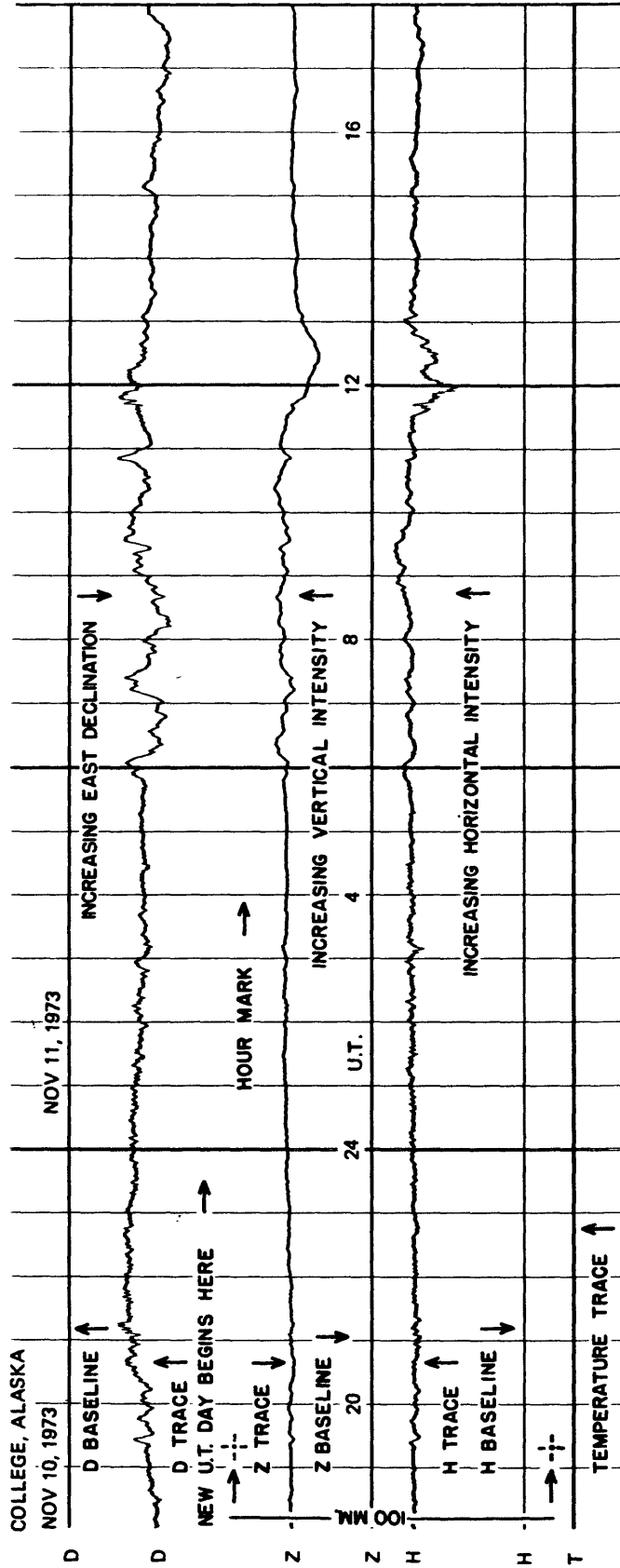
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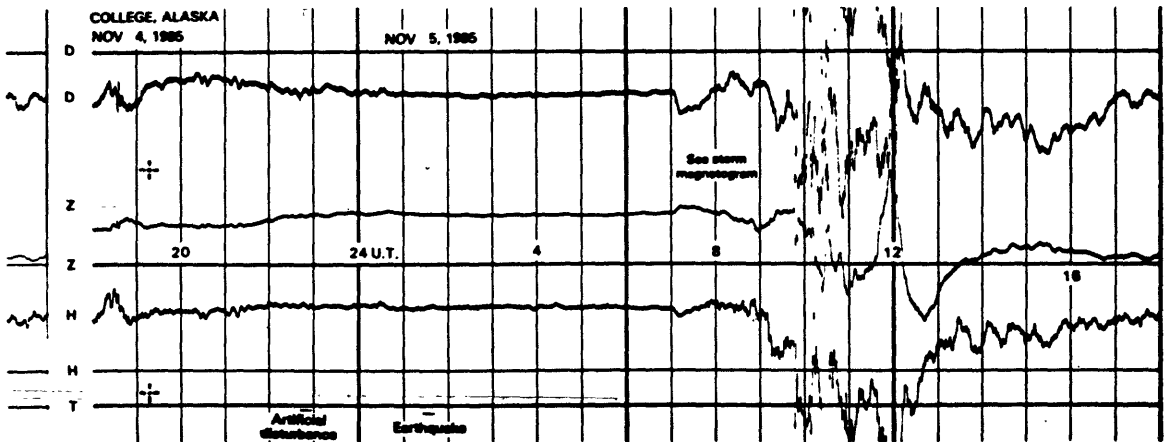
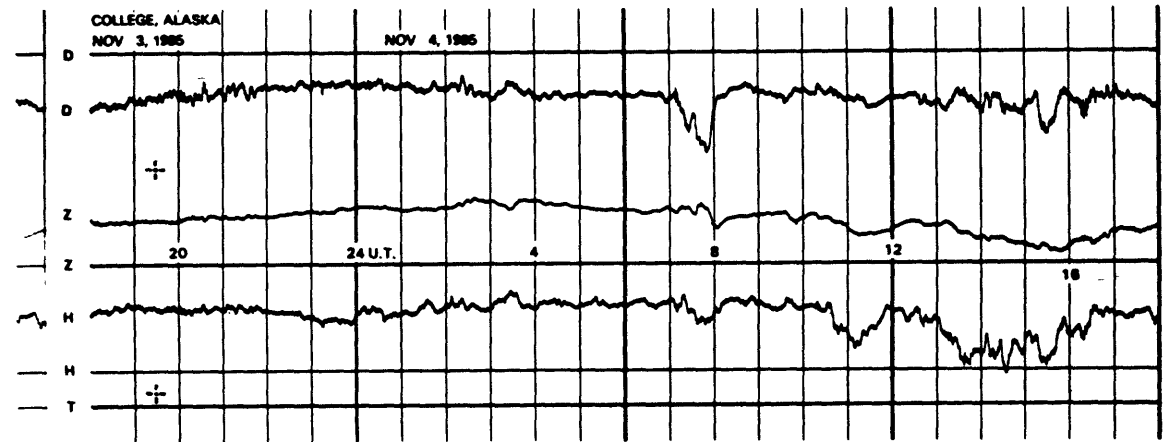
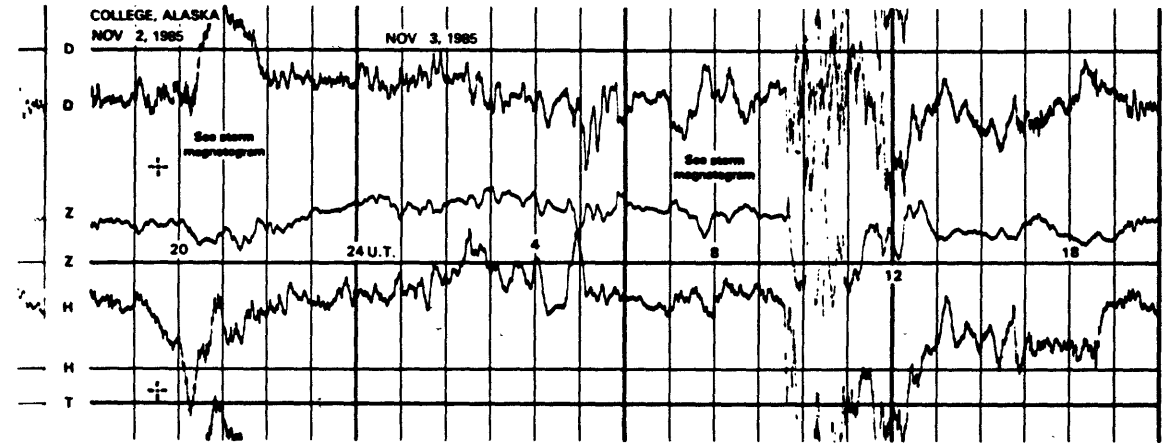
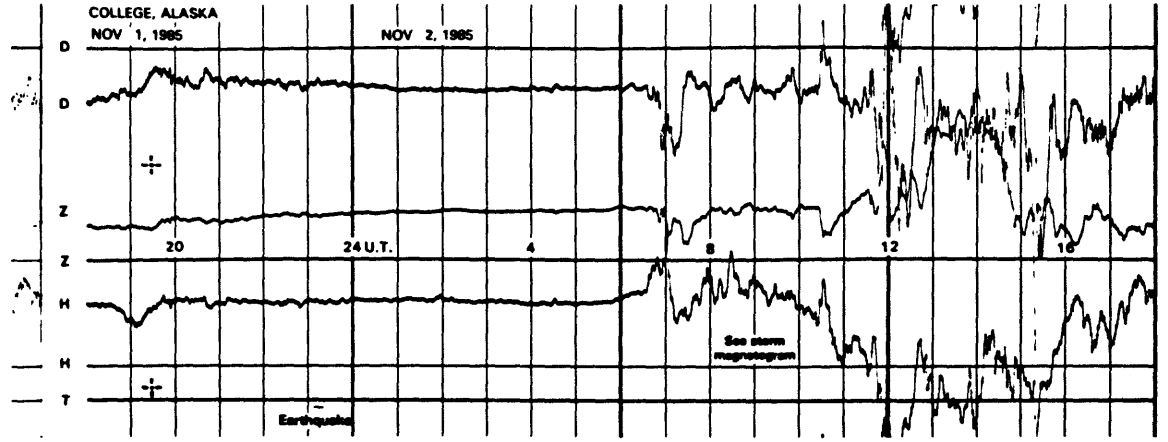
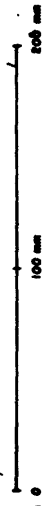
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FORMAT FOR NORMAL & STORM MAGNETOGRAMS (SAMPLE ONLY)

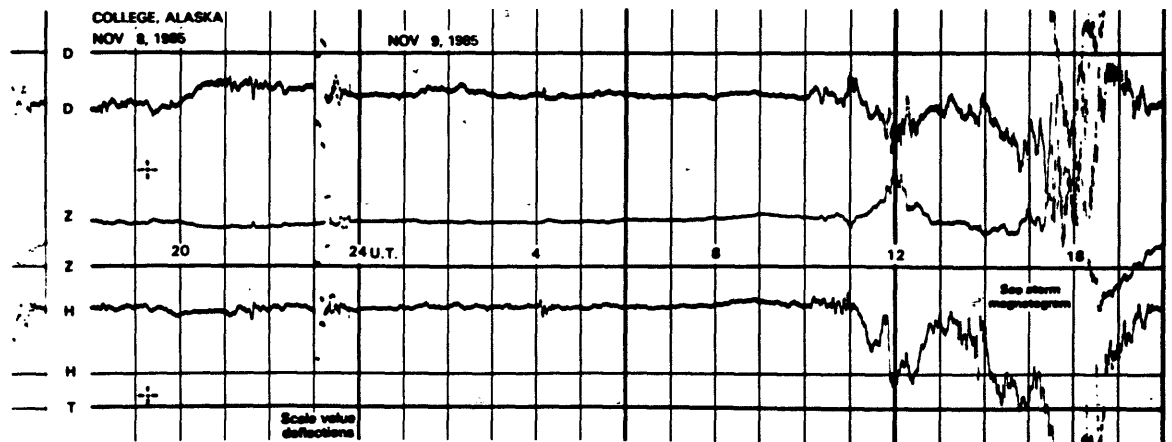
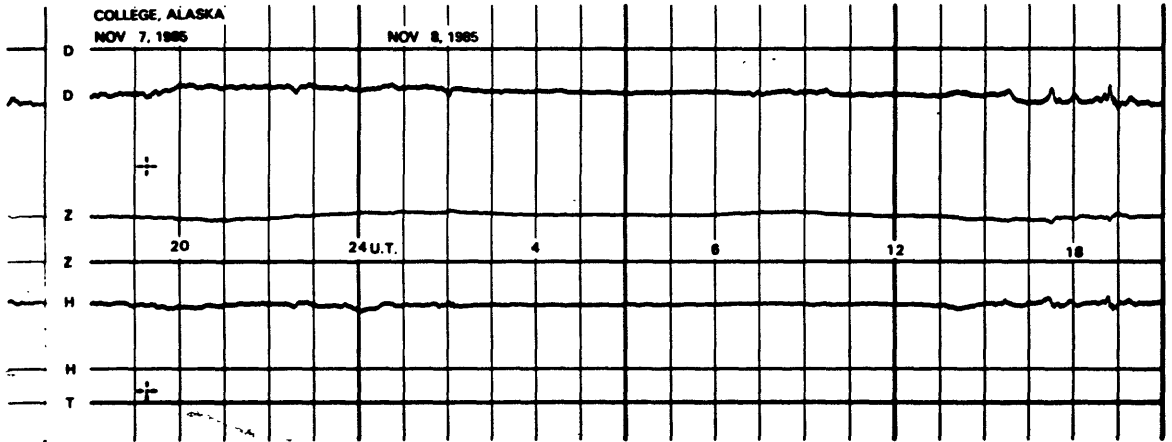
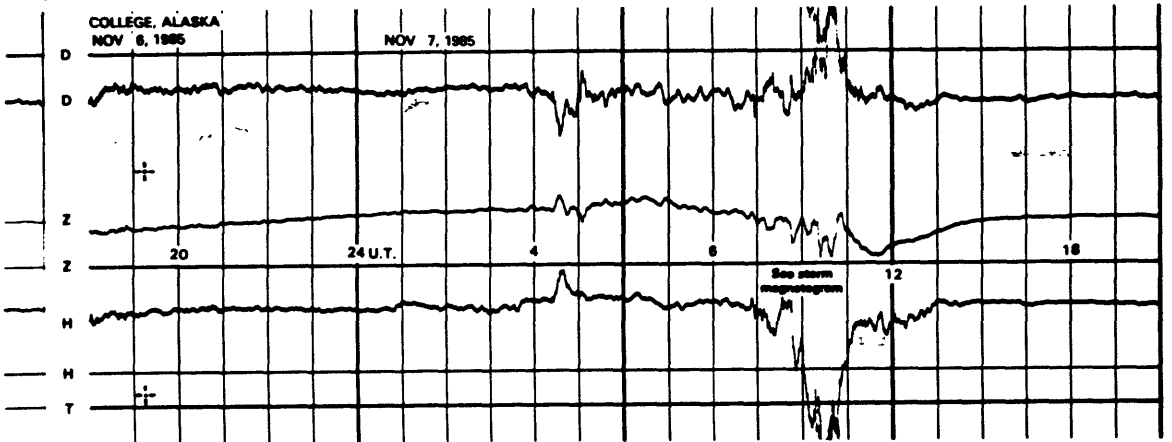
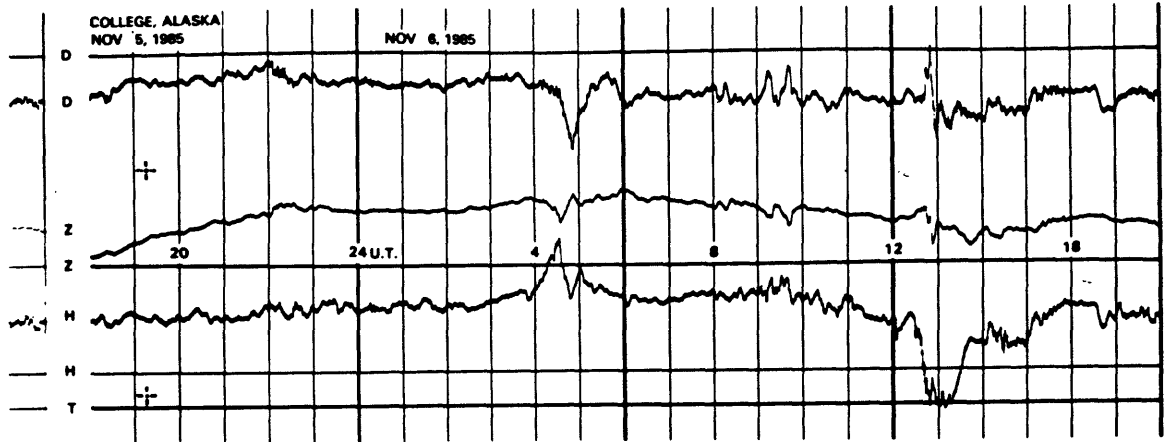
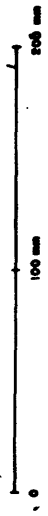


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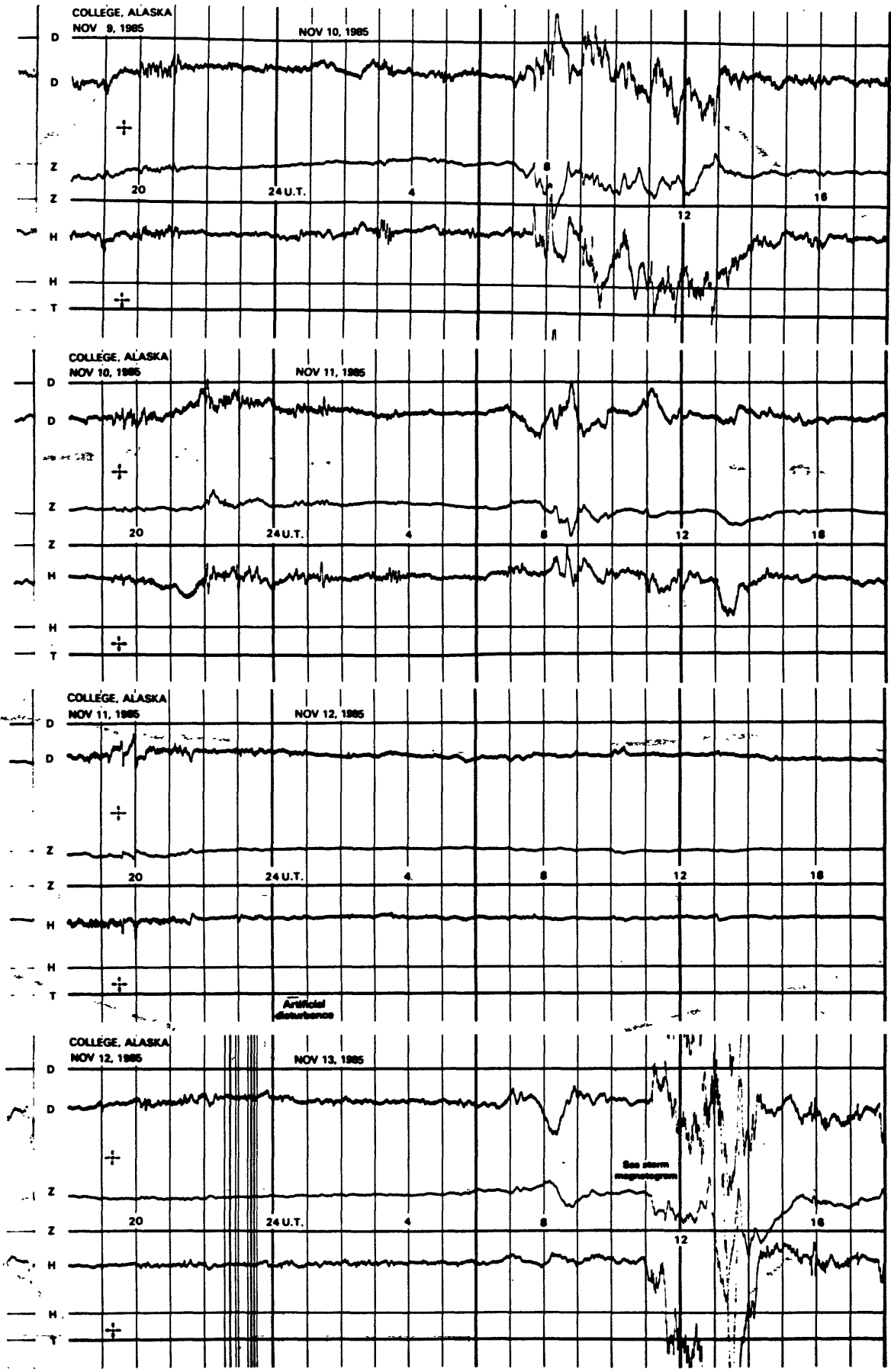
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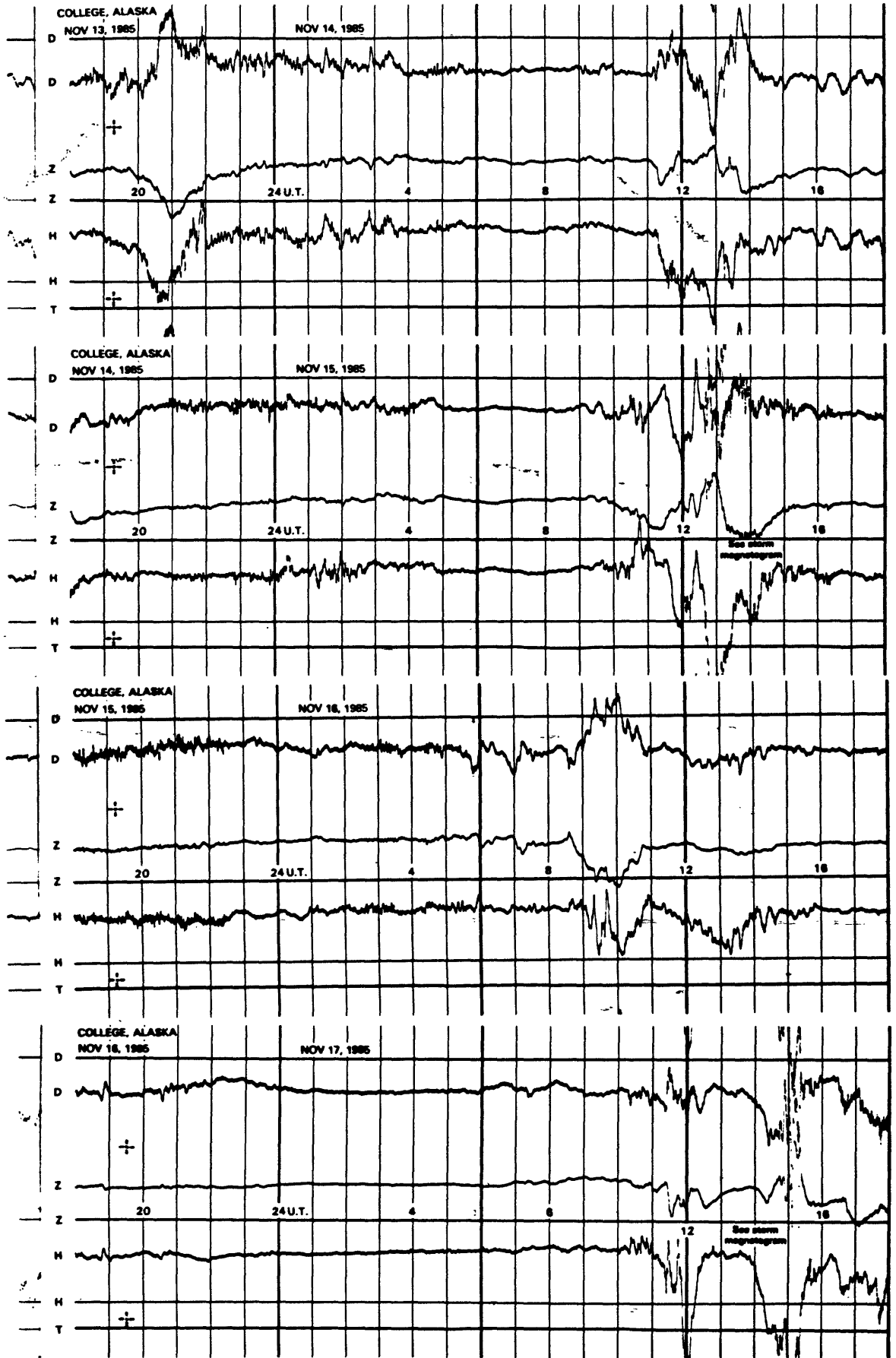
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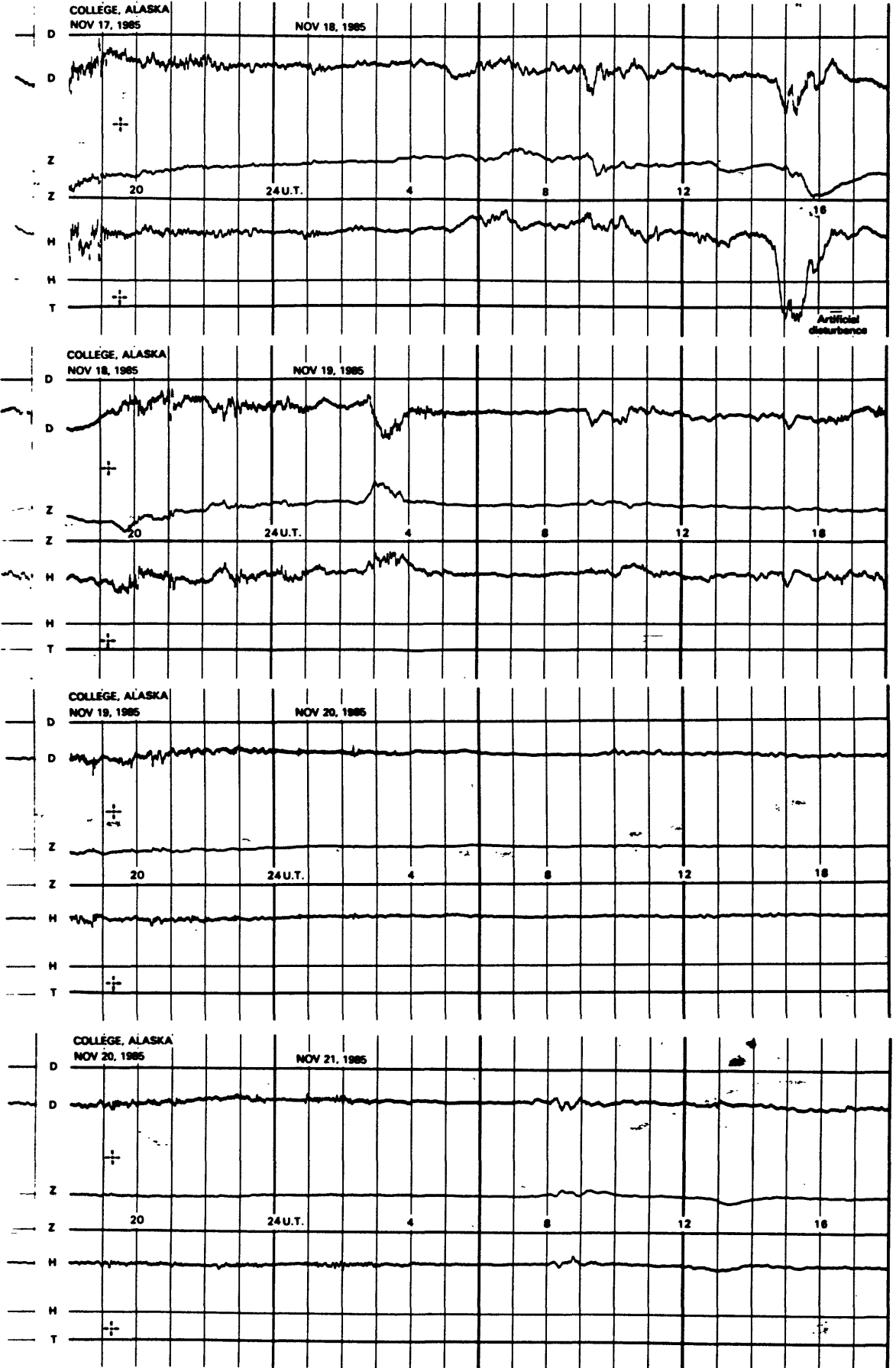
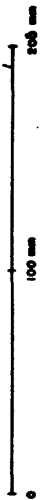
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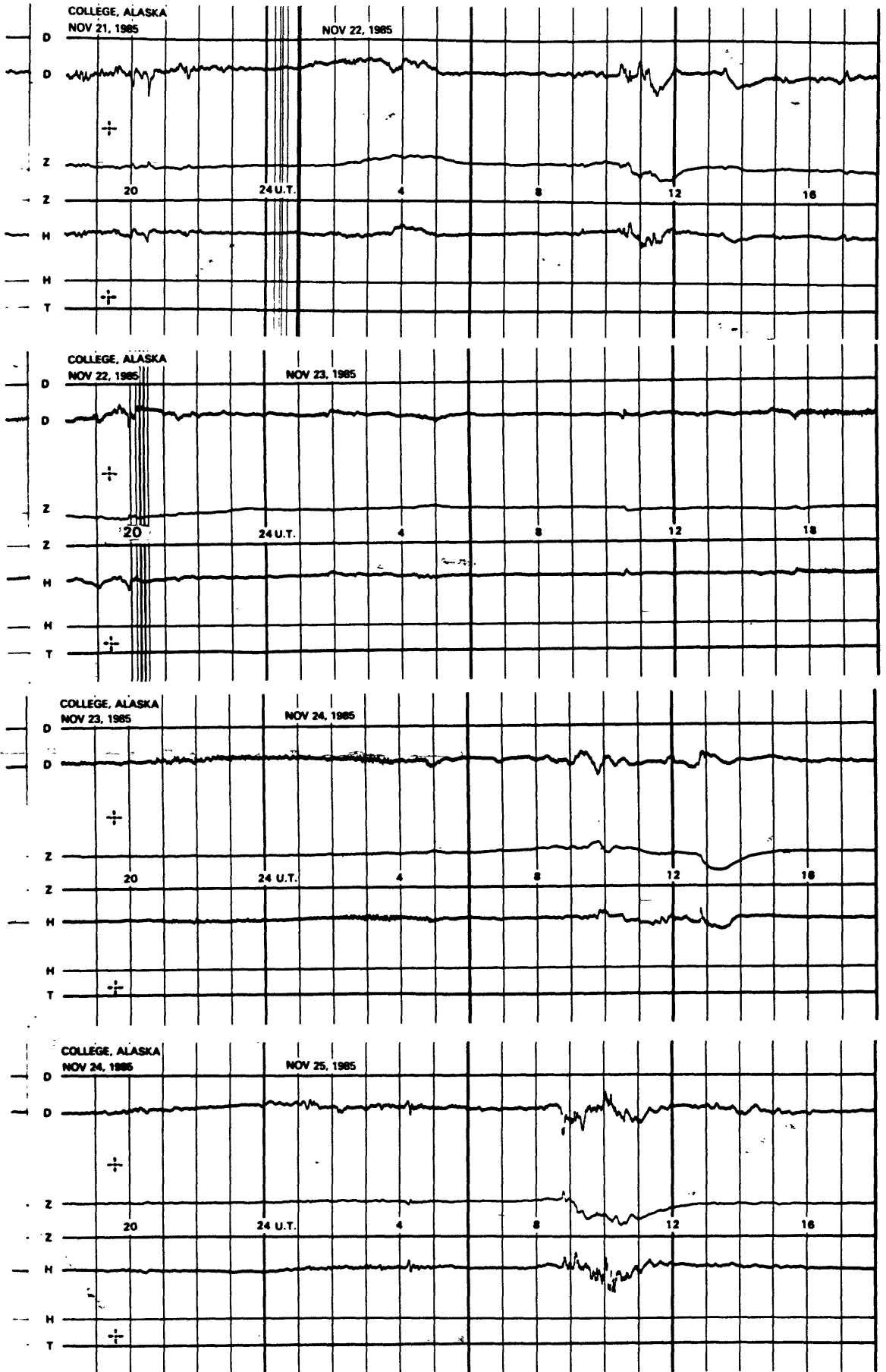
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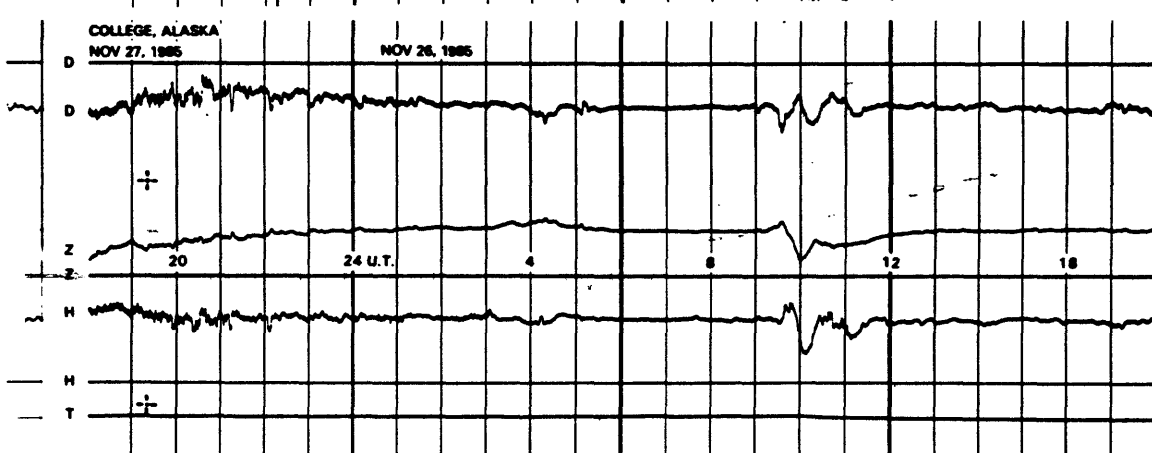
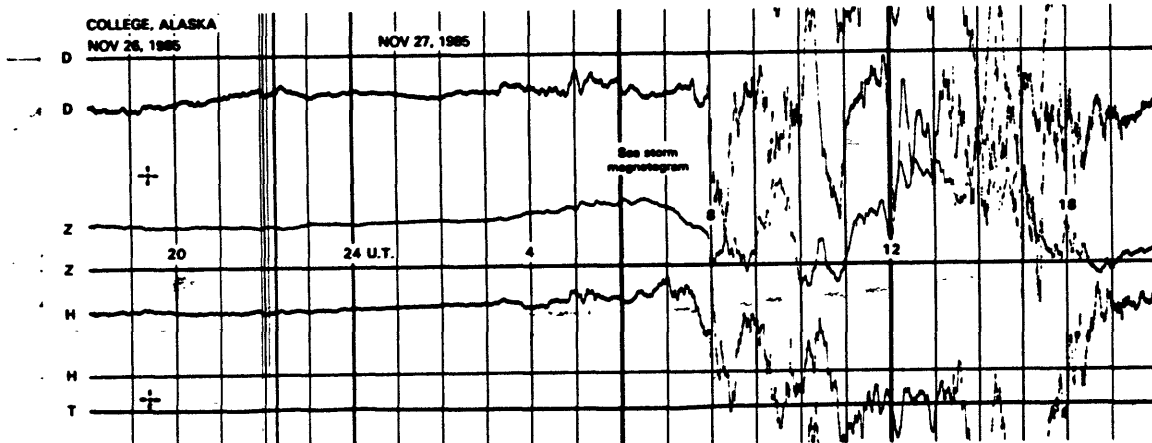
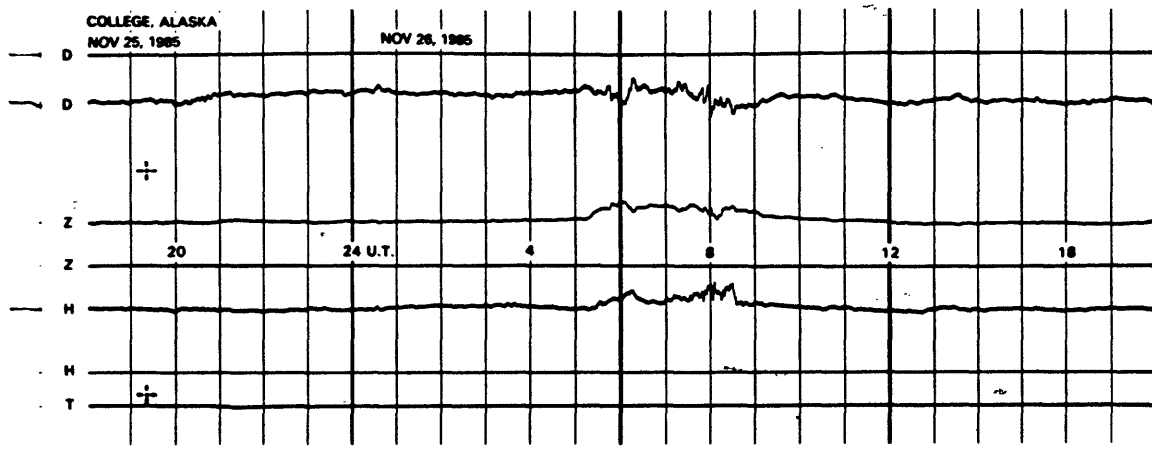
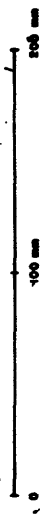
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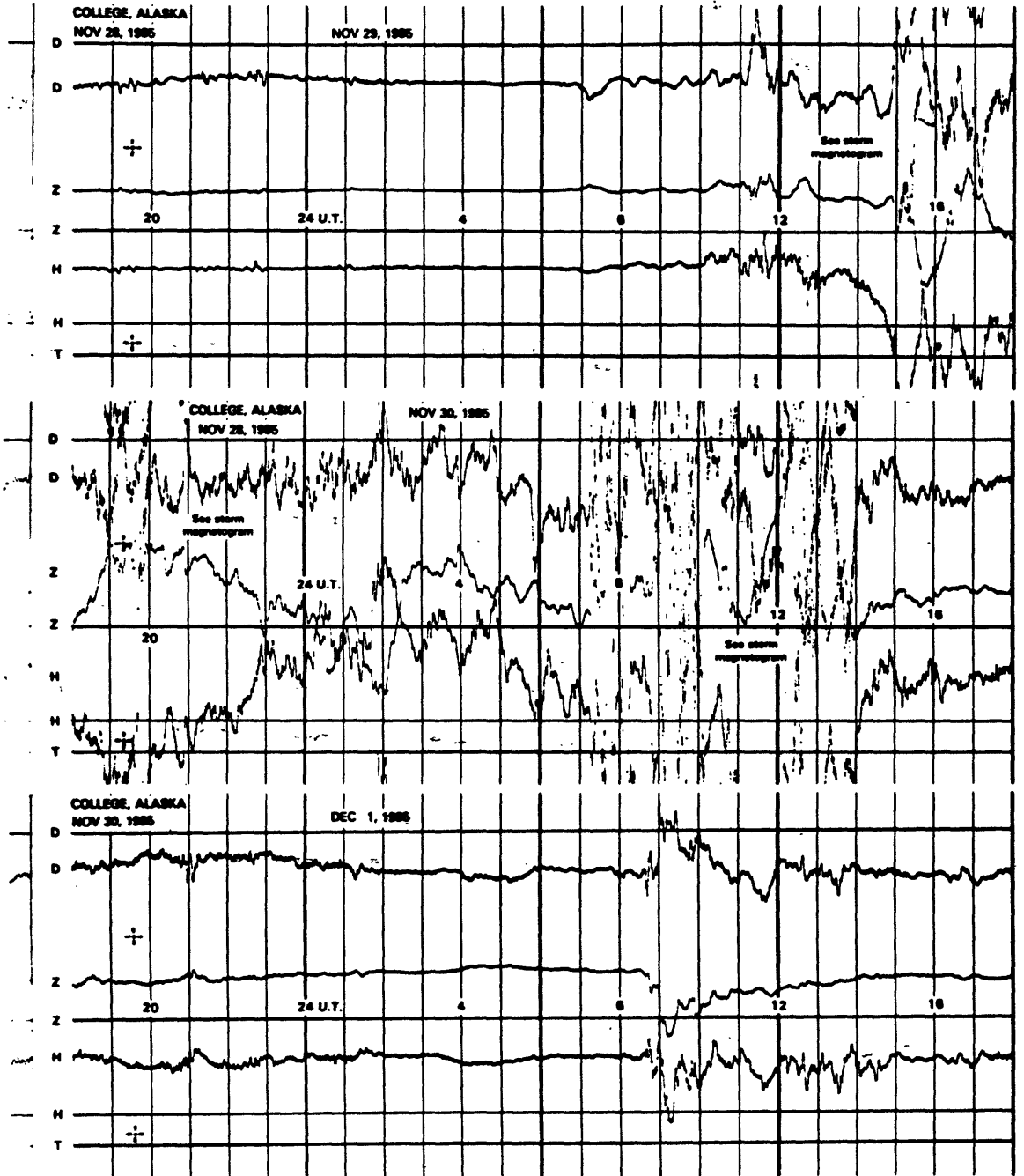
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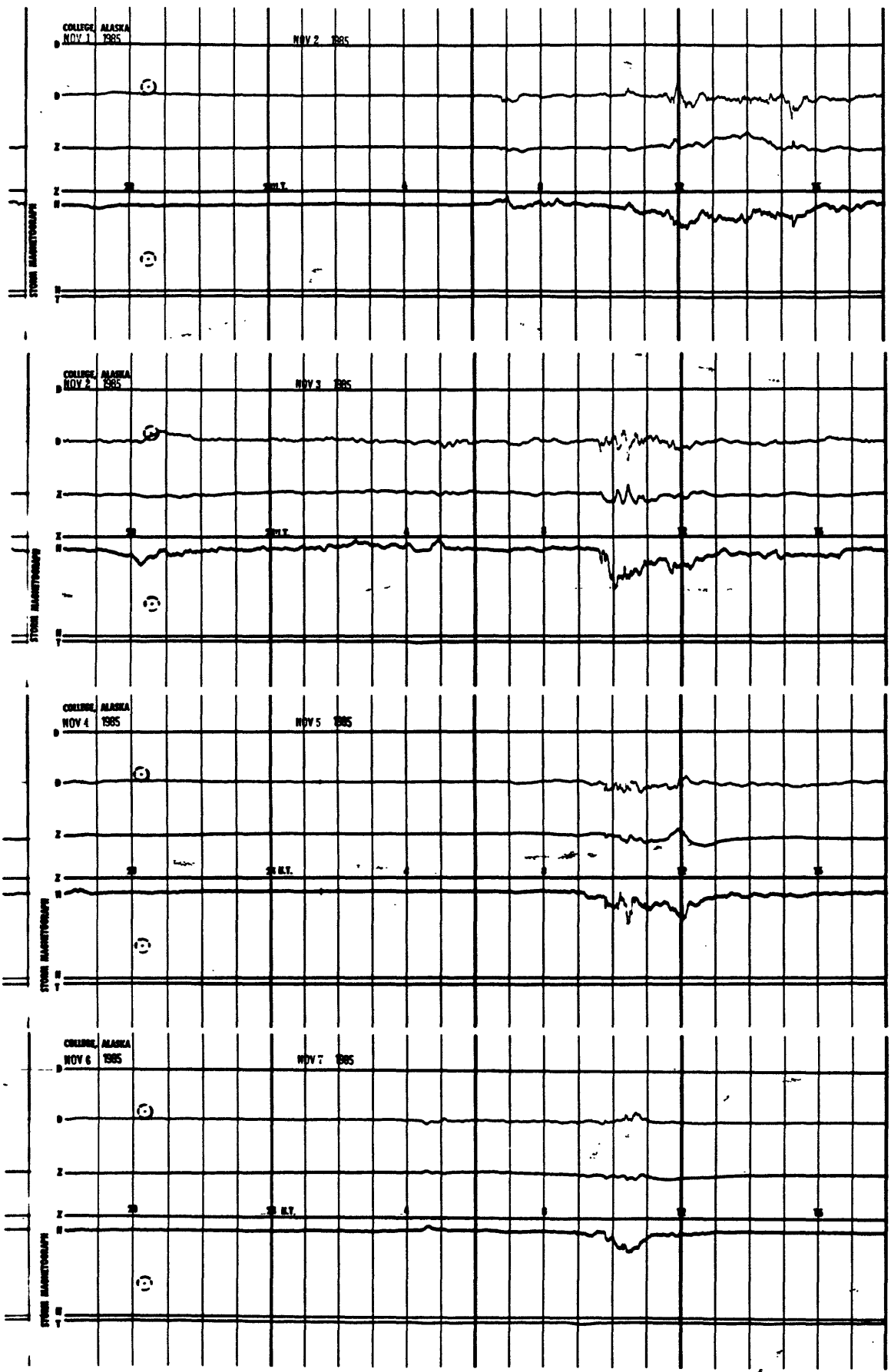
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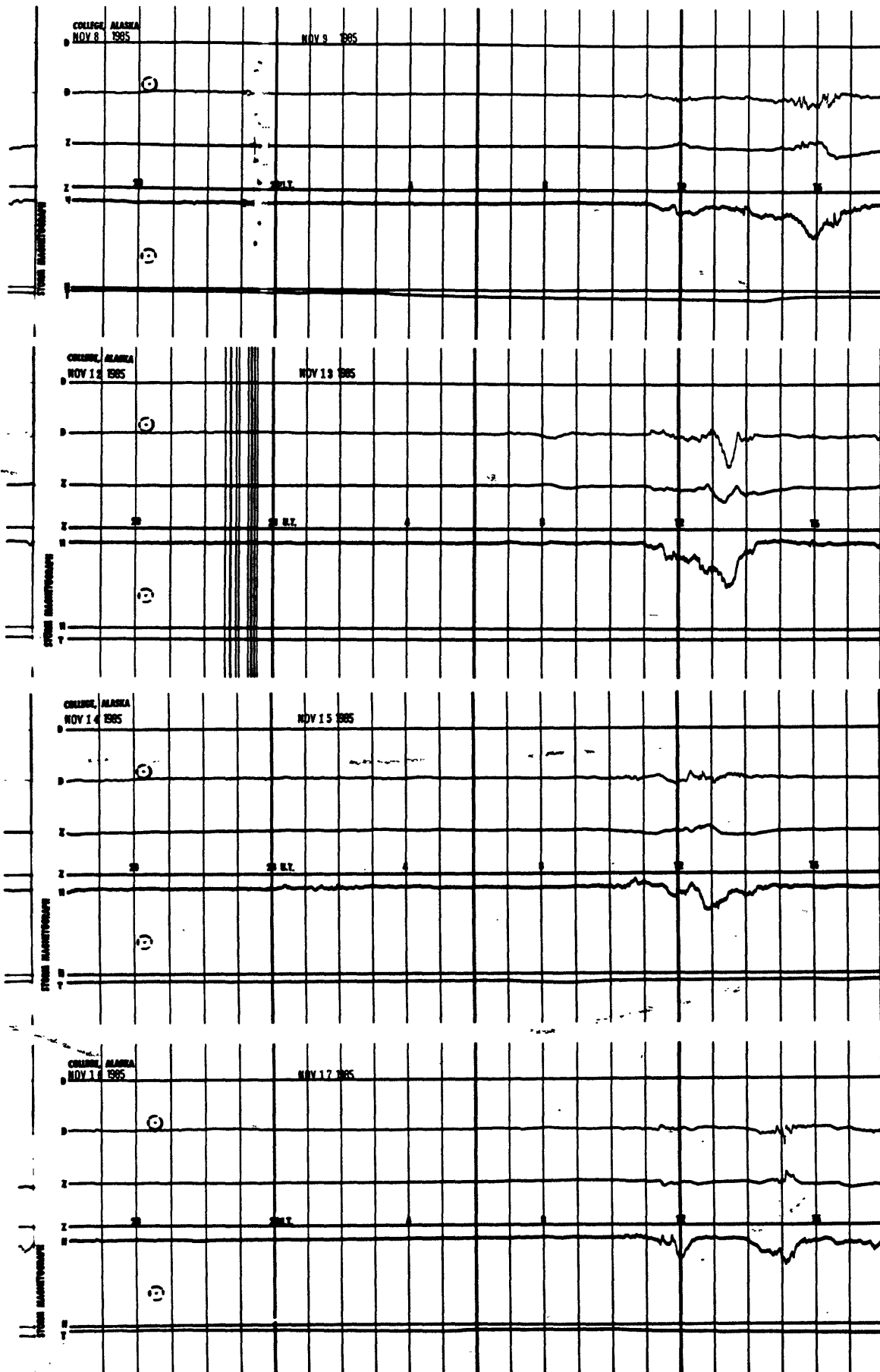
NORMAL MAGNETOGRAMS



STORM MAGNETOGRAMS



STORM MAGNETOGRAMS



STORM MAGNETOGRAMS

200 mm
100 mm

