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Geographic Latitude 30°19'S Longitude 115°53'E
 Geomagnetic Latitude -41.8° Longitude 185.6°

Instruments

Magnetic Equipment - Askania pattern Magnetometer No.508810.
 D.T.M. C.I.W. Earth Inductor No.2.
 Eschenhagen pattern D,H,Z, recording variometers, normal sensitivity, 20mm/hour recorder.
 La Cour pattern D,H,Z, recording variometers, normal sensitivity quick run (180mm/hour) recorder.

Ionospheric Equipment - C.S.I.R.O. pattern 1-16Mc/s
 Sweep time 2 minutes.

TOOLANGI MAGNETIC OBSERVATORY P.B. TENNI, Observer in Charge.

Geographic Latitude 37°32'S Longitude 145°28'E
 Geomagnetic Latitude -46.7° Longitude 220.8°

Instruments

Askania pattern Magnetometer No.508813.
 Schulze Earth Inductor No.49.
 La Cour pattern D,H,Z, recording variometers, normal sensitivity 15mm/hour recorder.

MACQUARIE ISLAND MAGNETIC OBSERVATORY C.S. ROBERTSON,
Observer in Charge.

Geographic Latitude 54°30'S Longitude 158°57'E
 Geomagnetic Latitude -61° Longitude 243°

Instruments

La Cour pattern QHMs Nos.177,178,179.
 La Cour pattern BMZ No.64.
 La Cour pattern D,H,Z, recording variometers low sensitivity 15mm/hour recorder.

HEARD ISLAND MAGNETIC OBSERVATORY K.B. LODWICK,
Observer in Charge.

Geographic Latitude 53°02'S Longitude 73°22'E
 Geomagnetic Latitude -61° Longitude 129°

Instruments

La Cour pattern QHMs Nos.172,173,174.
 La Cour pattern BMZ No.62.
 La Cour pattern D,H,Z, recording variometers low sensitivity 15mm/hour recorder.

MAGNETIC K-INDICES FOR JUNE - WATHEROO

Range for lower limit of K=9 is 350 gammas

<u>Day</u>	<u>K-Indices</u>								<u>K-Sum</u>
1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	03
2	1	2	2	3	2	1	0	0	11
3	1	1	2	2	0	0	0	1	07
4	2	1	4	2	2	0	2	1	14
5	1	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	05
6	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	03
7	1	2	1	0	3	2	1	0	10
8	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	04
9	2	3	1	2	0	1	0	1	10
10	2	3	3	3	X	X	X	X	XX
11	X	2	0	2	1	0	1	0	XX
12	2	1	0	0	1	3	4	1	12
13	1	2	1	1	1	3	3	0	12
14	1	1	1	3	4	0	1	0	11
15	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	05
16	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	04
17	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	05
18	1	1	(1)	0	0	2	3	2	(10)
19	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	06
20	2	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	06
21	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	2	07
22	2	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	06
23	2	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	06
24	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	04
25	1	1	1	0	3	1	0	0	07
26	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	05
27	1	1	2	0	1	1	1	2	09
28	3	2	3	1	0	0	1	0	10
29	2	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	07
30	2	0	2	1	1	0	0	3	09

() Indicates doubtful.

PRELIMINARY MEAN VALUES OF THE MAGNETIC ELEMENTS FOR JUNE

WATHEROO - Declination 2° 45.9' west.
 Horizontal Intensity 24882 gammas.
 Vertical Intensity -52178 gammas.

MAGNETIC K-INDICES FOR JUNE - TOOLANGI

Range for lower limit of K=9 is 500 gammas

<u>Day</u>	<u>K-Indices</u>								<u>K-Sum</u>
1	1	2	1	1	1	2	1	2	11
2	1	3	2	3	2	1	1	1	14
3	2	1	2	2	1	1	1	2	12
4	2	2	4	3	2	X	X	X	XX
5	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	XX
6	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	XX
7	X	X	X	0	3	3	2	3	XX
8	2	2	1	1	1	0	0	1	08
9	3	2	1	2	0	2	1	2	13
10	2	3	4	3	3	2	3	1	21
11	2	1	1	2	2	0	1	2	11
12	1	1	1	1	3	3	3	2	15
13	1	2	2	1	2	3	3	2	16
14	0	2	1	3	4	1	2	2	15
15	1	2	2	1	0	0	2	2	10
16	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	2	06
17	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	2	08
18	2	2	1	0	1	2	3	2	13
19	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	09
20	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	2	13
21	1	1	1	2	2	2	1	2	12
22	3	1	2	1	1	1	1	2	12
23	2	1	1	1	0	2	2	2	11
24	2	2	1	1	0	1	1	2	10
25	1	2	1	1	3	1	1	2	12
26	1	2	1	2	2	1	2	1	12
27	2	1	1	1	2	2	1	2	12
28	3	2	3	3	1	1	2	1	16
29	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	12
30	1	1	2	2	2	1	1	3	13

PRELIMINARY MEAN VALUES OF THE MAGNETIC ELEMENTS FOR JUNE

TOOLANGI - Declination 9° 54.3' east.
Horizontal Intensity 22770 gammas.
Vertical Intensity -56410 gammas.

MAGNETIC K-INDICES FOR JUNE - MACQUARIE ISLAND

Range for lower limit of K=9 is 1500 gammas

<u>Day</u>	<u>K-Indices</u>								<u>K-Sum</u>
1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	04
2	1	1	0	5	2	0	0	0	09
3	0	1	2	2	1	0	0	0	06
4	1	1	5	3	1	0	1	1	13
5	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	04
6	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	05
7	0	1	0	1	3	3	1	0	09
8	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	03
9	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	03
10	1	2	6	4	3	2	3	1	22
11	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	1	05
12	0	0	0	0	4	2	2	2	10
13	1	1	1	2	1	2	2	1	11
14	1	1	1	5	6	0	0	1	15
15	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	04
16	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	04
17	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	03
18	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	2	05
19	1	1	1	2	1	0	0	1	07
20	1	1	1	2	1	0	0	0	06
21	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	04
22	2	2	1	0	1	0	0	1	07
23	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	04
24	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	05
25	1	1	0	1	3	1	0	1	08
26	0	0	0	3	1	0	1	0	05
27	0	1	0	2	3	1	0	1	08
28	1	1	4	3	1	1	1	0	12
29	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	04
30	1	0	2	1	3	0	0	1	08

PRELIMINARY MEAN VALUES OF THE MAGNETIC ELEMENTS FOR JUNE

MACQUARIE ISLAND - Declination 24°25.5' east.
Horizontal Intensity 13357 gammas.
Vertical Intensity -64518 gammas.

MAGNETIC K-INDICES FOR JUNE - HEARD ISLAND

Range for lower limit of K=9 is 1000 gammas

<u>Day</u>	<u>K-Indices</u>								<u>K-Sum</u>
1	2	2	1	1	0	2	0	1	09
2	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	10
3	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	2	08
4	2	2	2	2	1	0	3	1	13
5	1	0	1	0	0	1	2	1	06
6	0	X	1	0	1	1	2	2	XX
7	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	09
8	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	02
9	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	2	06
10	2	2	3	2	1	3	3	1	17
11	1	0	X	X	X	X	X	X	XX
12	X	X	1	0	0	4	4	1	XX
13	0	1	1	0	0	1	5	X	XX
14	X	0	X	X	X	X	X	X	XX
15	X	X	0	1	0	0	1	2	XX
16	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	03
17	1	0	0	0	0	0	X	X	XX
18	X	X	0	0	0	0	4	2	XX
19	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	2	06
20	X	X	1	X	X	X	X	X	XX
21	X	X	1	0	1	0	1	3	XX
22	3	2	1	X	X	X	X	X	XX
23	X	X	0	X	X	X	X	X	XX
24	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	XX
25	X	X	0	0	2	1	0	1	XX
26	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	2	06
27	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	09
28	3	2	2	1	X	X	X	X	XX
29	X	X	1	0	0	0	0	2	XX
30	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	04

PRELIMINARY MEAN VALUES OF THE MAGNETIC ELEMENTS FOR JUNE

HEARD ISLAND - Declination 50°19.6' west.
Horizontal Intensity 18495 gammas.
Vertical Intensity -47281 gammas.

PRINCIPAL MAGNETIC STORMS AT WATHEROO DURING JUNE

<u>Began at</u>	<u>Ended at</u>	<u>Intensity</u>	<u>Maximum</u>
<u>d h m</u>	<u>d h</u>		<u>K-Index</u>

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SUDDEN COMMENCEMENTS AT WATHEROO DURING JUNE

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Type</u>
	<u>h m</u>	
13	17 40	Polar Sudden Commencement
15	00 45	Sudden Impulse
18	20 23	Polar Sudden Commencement

PRINCIPAL MAGNETIC STORMS AT TOOLANGI DURING JUNE

<u>Began at</u>	<u>Ended at</u>	<u>Intensity</u>	<u>Maximum</u>
<u>d h m</u>	<u>d h</u>		<u>K-Index</u>

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SUDDEN COMMENCEMENTS AT TOOLANGI DURING JUNE

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Type</u>
	<u>h m</u>	
13	17 40	Polar Sudden Commencement
14	11 42	Polar Sudden Commencement
18	17 31	Polar Sudden Commencement

IONOSPHERIC DATA - WATHEROO

MEDIAN HOURLY VALUES

120° Mean Time	<u>h'F1</u> Km	<u>hpF2</u> Km	<u>h'F2</u> Km	<u>foE</u> Mc/s	<u>foF1</u> Mc/s	<u>foF2</u> Mc/s	<u>fEs</u> Mc/s	<u>MUF</u> <u>3000</u> Mc/s	<u>M3000</u>
00		290	240			3.2	+	10.4	3.3
01		280	240			3.6	+	11.4	3.3
02		280	240			3.7	+	12.6	3.3
03		270	240			3.6	+	12.2	3.4
04		270	240			3.6	+	11.9	3.4
05		250	220			3.5	1.9	11.8	3.4
06		260	220			3.0	+	10.4	3.4
07		250	220	⌘		3.5	+	12.0	3.4
08	⌘	245	225	1.9	⌘	4.4	1.9	16.0	3.7
09	230	250	240	2.4	3.5	4.6	2.7	16.6	3.6
10	220	260	260	2.7	3.8	4.8	2.9	17.2	3.6
11	230	275	270	2.8	4.0	5.0	3.4	18.1	3.5
12	230	270	275	2.9	4.0	5.0	3.5	17.6	3.5
13	220	285	280	2.9	4.0	5.2	3.5	18.0	3.5
14	230	270	270	2.7	3.8	5.1	3.2	18.0	3.5
15	220	265	260	2.6	3.7	5.2	2.9	17.4	3.5
16	230	250	240	2.3	3.3	5.1	3.1	18.4	3.6
17		250	230	⌘		4.5	2.8	16.3	3.6
18		250	220			3.5	2.7	13.0	3.5
19		270	230			2.8	2.3	9.3	3.3
20		270	240			3.0	1.9	9.7	3.3
21		270	240			3.1	+	10.7	3.3
22		280	240			3.5	+	11.4	3.3
23		280	230			3.4	+	11.0	3.3

+ Indicates fEs median below lowest frequency recorded.

⌘ Denotes insufficient values.

IONOSPHERIC DATA - WATHEROOSUMMARY SPORADIC E

120° Mean Time	<u>Percentage of time above</u>			Median in Mc/s	No. of Obs.
	<u>7 Mc/s</u>	<u>5 Mc/s</u>	<u>3 Mc/s</u>		
00	-	-	3	+	30
01	-	-	-	+	30
02	-	-	3	+	30
03	-	-	7	+	29
04	-	-	10	+	29
05	-	-	10	1.9	29
06	-	-	14	+	28
07	-	-	7	+	28
08	-	-	22	1.9	27
09	-	3	33	2.7	30
10	-	-	48	2.9	29
11	-	-	73	3.4	26
12	-	-	(73)	3.5	26(1G)
13	-	-	78	3.5	27
14	-	-	79	3.2	29
15	-	3	45	2.9	29
16	-	3	56	3.1	27
17	-	4	46	2.8	28
18	-	-	14	2.7	29
19	-	-	27	2.3	30
20	-	-	13	1.9	30
21	-	-	3	+	29
22	-	-	10	+	30
23	-	-	7	+	29

G Signifies $fEs < foE \approx 3.0$ Mc/s.

+ Indicates fEs median below lowest frequency recorded.

- Indicates zero percentage.

PROVISIONAL SUMMARY OF AURORAE FOR JUNE

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MACQUARIE ISLAND

<u>Day</u>	<u>Cloud</u> <u>Cover</u>	<u>First</u> <u>Seen</u> h m	<u>Time of</u> <u>Maximum</u> h m	<u>Last</u> <u>Seen</u> h m	<u>Time</u> <u>End</u> h m	<u>Intensity</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
03	6	08 45	10 00		11 50	3	
04	8	06 45	10 30		16 30	3	
11	3	10 05	10 20		12 50	3	
14	8	11 45	11 45		12 50	3	
23	8	09 45	unknown	14 20	unknown	1	
25	8	12 00	12 10	19 00	unknown	3	
27	8	11 05	11 05	14 20	unknown	2	

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