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Unless otherwise stated all times are given in
Greenwich Mean Time.

The terminology used in this report is that accepted by
international convention. Should further information be
required, explanation can be obtained by applying to :-

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CONTRIBUTING OBSERVATORIESWATHEROO MAGNETIC OBSERVATORY A.F. TILLOTT, Observer-in-Charge.

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

Instruments

Magnetic Equipment - Askania pattern Magnetometer No.508810
 La Cour pattern BMZ No.120.
 Askania Earth Inductor No.5111079.
 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.
 Askania Eschenhagen type H variometer
 with visual recorder 20mm/hour.

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

GNANGARA MAGNETIC OBSERVATORY A.F. TILLOTT, Observer-in-Charge.

Geographic Latitude	31°47'S	Longitude 115°57'E
Geomagnetic Latitude	-43.2°	Longitude 185.8°

Instruments

Magnetic Equipment - Magnetometer D.T.M. C.I.W. No.7.
 La Cour pattern QHMs Nos.291,292,293.
 La Cour pattern BMZ No.121.
 La Cour pattern D,H,Z, recording
 variometers, normal sensitivity,
 15mm/hour recorder.

TOOLANGI MAGNETIC OBSERVATORY I.B. EVERINGHAM, Observer-in-Charge.

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

Instruments

Ruska pattern Magnetometer No.4813.
 La Cour pattern QHMs Nos.288,289,290.
 Schulze Earth Inductor No.49.
 La Cour pattern BMZ No.119.
 La Cour pattern D,H,Z, recording variometers, normal sensitivity
 15mm/hour recorder.

CONTRIBUTING OBSERVATORIESMACQUARIE ISLAND MAGNETIC OBSERVATORYJ.R. CLEARY,
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.
 Kew pattern Magnetometer No.158.
 La Cour pattern D,H,Z, recording variometers, low sensitivity
 15mm/hour recorder.

MAWSON MAGNETIC OBSERVATORYJ.D. PINN,
Observer-in-Charge.

Geographic Latitude	67°35.7'S	Longitude	62°54.0'E
Geomagnetic Latitude	-73.1°	Longitude	103.4°

Instruments

La Cour pattern QHMs Nos.300,301,302.
 La Cour pattern BMZ No.62.
 Elliott Magnetometer.
 La Cour pattern D,H,Z, recording variometers, low sensitivity
 15mm/hour recorder.

MAGNETIC K-INDICES FOR FEBRUARY - WATHEROO

Range for lower limit of K=9 is 350 gammas

<u>Day</u>	<u>K-Indices</u>				<u>K-Sum</u>				
1	3	2	2	2	2	1	1	3	16
2	2	2	2	3	2	1	1	2	15
3	2	2	2	1	3	2	1	2	15
4	2	1	2	3	4	4	4	3	23
5	3	4	4	4	5	4	5	4	33
6	5	3	3	4	4	5	3	4	31
7	4	3	3	3	3	4	4	3	27
8	4	4	3	4	4	5	4	3	31
9	3	3	1	2	2	4	4	3	22
10	4	3	2	2	3	4	4	5	27
11	9	7	8	9	8	6	5	5	57
12	5	6	6	5	4	6	6	4	42
13	4	2	2	3	4	4	4	3	26
14	3	3	2	4	3	5	1	1	22
15	2	1	1	1	2	4	1	1	13
16	1	1	1	3	4	4	3	3	20
17	6	4	4	4	4	4	5	3	34
18	4	4	4	4	3	3	4	3	29
19	3	2	3	3	3	3	4	3	24
20	2	4	3	3	4	4	5	4	29
21	3	4	4	2	3	4	5	5	30
22	4	3	3	3	4	3	3	3	26
23	3	3	3	4	3	3	2	2	23
24	2	2	1	3	3	1	1	1	14
25	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	2	11
26	2	2	3	1	2	1	1	2	14
27	2	3	1	1	1	1	3	2	14
28	2	3	3	4	5	3	2	3	25

PRELIMINARY MEAN VALUES OF THE MAGNETIC ELEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY

WATHEROO - Declination 2° 41.3' west.
Horizontal Intensity 24852 gammas.
Vertical Intensity -52278 gammas.

SOLAR FLARE EFFECTS

<u>Day</u>	<u>Began</u> h m	<u>K</u>	<u>K'</u>	
26	02 38	1	1	not confirmed.

MAGNETIC K-INDICES FOR FEBRUARY - TOOLANGI

Range for lower limit of K=9 is 500 gammas

<u>Day</u>	<u>K-Indices</u>				<u>K-Sum</u>			
1	4	3	4	2	3	1	3	23
2	4	3	3	3	3	2	2	23
3	3	3	2	2	3	1	2	19
4	4	2	3	3	4	5	4	28
5	3	5	4	4	5	4	4	34
6	4	4	3	4	4	5	4	33
7	3	4	4	3	3	5	3	29
8	4	4	4	4	4	4	3	32
9	4	3	2	3	3	4	4	26
10	4	3	3	2	3	3	4	26
11	9	8	7	8	8	6	5	56
12	5	7	6	5	4	5	5	41
13	4	3	3	3	4	4	3	27
14	3	4	3	4	2	4	2	26
15	4	1	1	2	2	3	2	18
16	3	3	2	4	4	4	3	26
17	4	4	3	4	5	4	4	32
18	4	5	4	4	3	3	4	31
19	4	3	4	3	4	3	4	29
20	4	4	3	3	4	3	4	30
21	4	4	4	3	4	4	3	30
22	5	4	3	4	4	3	3	30
23	4	4	4	5	2	3	2	27
24	3	4	2	3	4	1	3	22
25	3	3	3	2	1	1	2	18
26	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	20
27	3	3	2	0	2	2	3	18
28	3	3	3	4	4	4	2	25

PRELIMINARY MEAN VALUES OF THE MAGNETIC ELEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY

TOOLANGI - Declination 10°08.8' east.
Horizontal Intensity 22709 gammas.
Vertical Intensity -56433 gammas.

MAGNETIC K-INDICES FOR FEBRUARY - MACQUARIE ISLAND

Range for lower limit of K=9 is 1500 gammas

<u>Day</u>	<u>K-Indices</u>								<u>K-Sum</u>
1	2	2	3	3	4	3	1	3	21
2	2	2	3	4	5	2	1	2	21
3	2	3	2	1	5	0	1	2	16
4	2	1	2	4	4	5	5	3	26
5	3	5	5	7	7	6	6	5	44
6	3	5	5	6	7	7	5	4	42
7	4	4	5	5	5	6	4	3	36
8	4	5	4	6	5	6	4	4	38
9	4	4	2	4	4	6	3	2	29
10	3	4	3	3	6	7	6	5	37
11	8	7	6	8	7	7	7	5	55
12	5	4	6	7	4	7	7	4	44
13	3	3	5	5	7	5	3	3	34
14	5	4	5	7	5	6	3	2	37
15	2	2	1	4	2	3	1	1	16
16	0	1	2	6	5	6	3	2	25
17	4	5	5	5	6	5	-	-	-
18	5	4	5	6	6	4	6	4	40
19	4	5	6	6	7	4	4	3	39
20	3	5	4	5	7	5	6	5	40
21	3	6	6	6	6	5	6	4	42
22	4	5	4	6	6	5	4	3	37
23	4	4	5	7	3	4	3	3	33
24	3	3	3	5	6	1	2	1	24
25	1	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	14
26	2	3	3	1	2	0	2	2	15
27	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	2	13
28	3	3	4	5	5	5	2	2	29

PRELIMINARY MEAN VALUES OF THE MAGNETIC ELEMENTS FOR JANUARY

MACQUARIE ISLAND - Declination 25°07.9' east.
 Horizontal Intensity 13323 gammas.
 Vertical Intensity -64468 gammas.

The preliminary mean values of the Magnetic Elements for February for Macquarie Island will be published when available.

MAWSON K-indices and preliminary mean values of the Magnetic Elements for February will be published when available.

PRINCIPAL MAGNETIC STORMS AT WATHEROO DURING FEBRUARY

<u>Began at</u> <u>d h m</u>	<u>Ended at</u> <u>d h</u>	<u>Intensity</u>	<u>Maximum</u> <u>K-Index</u>
11 01 26	12 22	s	9

SUDDEN COMMENCEMENTS AND OTHER PHENOMENA AT WATHEROO
DURING FEBRUARY

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u> <u>h m</u>	<u>Type</u>
11	01 26	ssc [*]
15	16 00	bp
16	16 42	bs

PRINCIPAL MAGNETIC STORMS AT TOOLANGI DURING FEBRUARY

<u>Began at</u> <u>d h m</u>	<u>Ended at</u> <u>d h</u>	<u>Intensity</u>	<u>Maximum</u> <u>K-Index</u>
11 01 25	13 06	s	9

SUDDEN COMMENCEMENTS AND OTHER PHENOMENA AT TOOLANGI
DURING FEBRUARY

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u> <u>h m</u>	<u>Type</u>
11	01 25	ssc
24	12 00	bs

PROVISIONAL SUMMARY OF AURORAE FOR FEBRUARY

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MACQUARIE ISLAND

<u>Day</u>	<u>Began</u>		<u>First Seen</u>		<u>Minimum Geomagnetic Latitude</u>		<u>Intensity and Form</u>	<u>Last Seen</u>		<u>Ended</u>	
	h	m	h	m	Degrees	Time		h	m	h	m
II 2			12	00	61	12 30	3 R(Q)	15	00		
13	11	50					3 F	13	30		
15			10	40	(not visible)					16	40
16			10	30	(not visible)			16	00		
* 17	10	40						16	00		
* 18	10	20						13	00		
* 20	10	30					F	15	40		
* 21			10	10				17	00		
* 22			10	10				15	30		
25	10	30			58	13 20	2 G	16	00		
26	10	30			60	11 30	2 HA	16	50		
27	11	10			(unknown but well south)			13	30		
1	Aurorae seen but extensive observations not possible.										
8											
12											
14											
19											
23											
24											
28											

II Form unidentified but ray structure apparent.

* Northern limit less than 60° and obscured by Plateau at Hurd Point.