

3 HMAS AE2 - Watch & Station Bill

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1.	Seaman							First XI entering/leaving harbour, surfaced.	At sea, opened up for diving, surfaced, ready to dive at short notice.	First XI preparing for a routine dive or whilst dived. CO has conn.	Ready to attack, surfaced or dived.	
2.	Commanding Officer (CO)	Lieutenant Commander, RN	Stoker	Henry, H G	Dacre, "Sir"	DSO.		Bridge.	Wardroom/control room.	Forward/After Periscope.	Forward (attack) Periscope.	
3.	Executive Officer (XO)	Lieutenant, RN	Haggard	Geoffrey, A G	Geoffrey. Number 1 – by Stoker, XO or Sir to crew.	DSC.	Ireland. Maj A Haggard London, father	Bridge, supervising casing party, berthing line handling.	Port Watch Officer of the Watch (OOW).	Control room supervising trim, ship control.	Whichever tube is to be fired.	Ref A: E27 SOs have XO at bow tube. XO and TGM moved to whichever tube was to be used.
4.	Navigating Officer (NO)	Lieutenant, RN	Cary	Jack, C P	Navigator or referred to as 3rd hand, Navigator or "Sir" by crew.	MID	England. Mr A Pitt Cary, London, father	Control room navigation table with charts.	Starboard Watch Officer of the Watch (OOW).	OOW when on the surface, Control room navigation table with charts when dived.	Control room OOW and navigation table with charts.	
5.	Coxswain	Chief Petty Officer (CPO) RAN (ex RN)	Vaughan	Charles	Charlie. Coxswain or "Swain".	MID	England. Helena Vaughan, Portsmouth, wife	Helm on Bridge, voice pipe to control as required.	Spare OOW.	Fore Planes.	Fore Planes.	Ref D: Responsible for towing slips/pendants, bridge gear, air on whistle, upper deck gear.
6.	Second Coxswain	CPO, RN	Abbott	Harry	"Scratcher"	DSM	England. Elizabeth Ann Abbott, Plymouth, wife	Casing, i/c casing party.	Port Watch after planesman.	Fore Planes.	Fore Planes.	Ref D: Responsible for towing slips/pendants, bridge gear, air on whistle, upper deck gear.
7.	Torpedo Gunners Mate (TGM)	PO, RAN	Bray	Cecil			NSW. Evelyn Bray, Sydney, wife	Main Switchboard, control room.	Starboard Watch After Planes.	Fwd Tube.	Tube in use.	Ref D: Senior electrical sailor and i/c torpedoes, firing gear, torpedo fuel & igniters.
8.	Leading	Leading	Gilbert*	Stephen I			England	Main Switchboard	Starboard Watch Main	Main	Main	Ref D: Responsible

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10.	Gunlayer	LS, RN	Holderness	Charlie			England. Daisy Holderness, Dover, wife.	Helmsman.	Port Watch Helmsman/CR messenger.	Helmsman/CR messenger	Helmsman?	Ref D: Responsible for ammunition for rifles and pistols.
11.		Able Seaman (AB), RAN (ex RN)	Knaggs*	Albert, E			England. Annie Knaggs, Bristol, wife.	Casing party.	Starboard Watch Helmsman/CR messenger, Ventilation intakes.	Helmsman/CR messenger, Ventilation intakes	Messenger	
12.	Officers' Servant	AB, RAN (ex RN)	Cheater	W T Tommy			England. Clara Cheater, Portsmouth, wife.	Wardroom.	Wardroom.	Wardroom, Main Vent (MV) #1,3	Wardroom	Ref D: Responsible for Officers provisions and Clothing.
13.	Cook	AB, RAN (ex RN)	Churcher	Lionel			England. Edgar Churcher, Somerset, son.	Galley, store.	Galley.	Galley, 5,7 main vents	Stern tube	
14.		AB, RAN (ex RN)	Talbot	Ben			England. Cecilia Talbot, Portsmouth, wife.	Casing party.	Port Watch Lookout/messenger.	CR messenger, 6.8 main vents	Midships Tubes	
15.		AB, RAN	Wheat	John			VIC. Alice Jane Wheat, Sydney, mother.	Casing party.	Starboard Watch Lookout/messenger.	CR messenger, ventilator	Midships Tubes	
16.		AB, RAN	Nichols	Alexander, C			QLD. Alma Nichols, Brisbane, mother.	Casing party.	Port Watch Lookout/messenger.	Frd tubes	Midships Tubes	
17.	Signalman	LS, RN	Thomson	A C N	"Bunts"		NSW. Florence Alice Allen Thomson, Portsmouth, wife.	Bridge lookout with Aldis signal lamp, flags, recognition signals (very pistol), responsible for providing CO with his (clean) binoculars.	Spare lookout, as required for visual signals.	Bridge lookout when surfaced, control periscope attendant for CO dived.	Periscope attendant for CO.	Ref D: Responsible for visual signalling gear, flags, Cos binoculars, challenge & recognition signals - get reply from navigator. Ref 5: AE2s sailor's cook.
18.	Telegraphist	Telegraphist, RAN	Falconer	William, W	"Sparks"		VIC. Mrs Mena J Middleton, Melbourne, sister.	WT cubicle.	WT cubicle.	WT cubicle.	WT.	Ref D: Responsible for WT stores and Tx/Rx Equipment.

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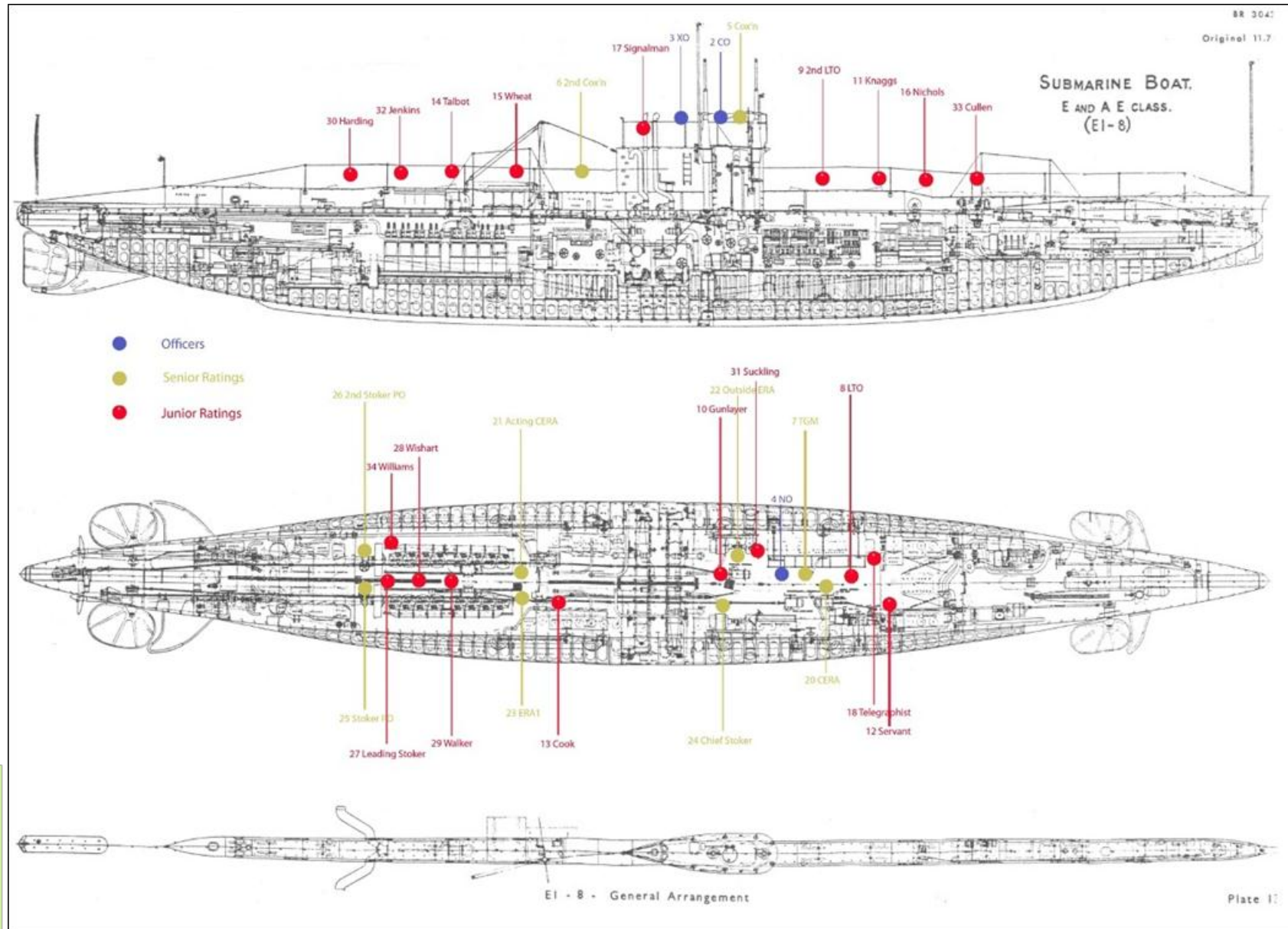
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20.	Chief Engine Room Artificer (ERA)	CPO, RAN (ex RN).	Broomhead	Harry, B	CERA 1st Class, Chief "Tiff"	DSM	England. Florence, Loftus Broomhead, Nottingham, wife.	Control Room.	Mess, non watchkeeper.	Control Room.	Stern Tube (Ref 1).	Senior engineering rating. Ref D: Responsible for Oil fuel, lube oil, engines.
21.	Acting CERA.	CPO, RN	Bell	Stephen, T	CERA 2nd Class, Chief. "Donkshop Horse", responsible for diesel maintenance.	MID	England. Alice Emily Bell, London, wife.	Engine Room.	Port Watch Engine Room ERA i/c.	Engine Room.	Engine Room.	
22.	Engine Room	CPO, RAN (ex RN)	Fawns	Peter	ERA Class 1, Outside ERA (all machinery outside the Engine Room).		Scotland. Mrs Jeannie Fawns, Dundee, wife.	Control Room overseeing Ballast pumps, periscope hoists, trim pump.	Port Watch Control Room Ballast/trim pump.	Control Room overseeing Ballast pumps, periscope hoists, trim pump.	Control Room overseeing Ballast pumps, periscope hoists, trim pump.	Ref D: Responsible for HP Air, steering gear mechanical aspects.
23.	ERA1	CPO, RN	Gibson	James, H	ERA Class 1		England. Annie Gibson, Plymouth, wife.	Engine Room, i/c both diesels.	Starboard Watch Engine room ERA i/c.	Engine Room.	Engine Room.	
24.	Chief Stoker	CPO, RAN (ex RN)	Varcoe*	Charlie	Chief Stoker		England. Mabel Varcoe, Devonport, wife.	Control Room, ballast pump operations.	Starboard Watch Control Room Ballast/trim pump.	Control Room, ballast pump operations.	Control Room, ballast pump operations.	Ref D: Responsible for putting on the trim, fuel, lubricating oil and water embarkation and provision.
25.	Stoker PO	PO, RAN (ex RN)	Brown	Bert, H A		DSM	Dorothy Brown, Rochester Kent, daughter.	Engine room, port engine clutch.	Port Watch Engine Room Clutches.	Engine room, port engine clutch.	Bow Tube 2 i/c	
26.	Stoker PO	PO, RAN	Kinder	Harry, James Elly		MID	NSW. Alice Kinder, Sydney, wife.	Engine room, starboard engine clutch.	Starboard Watch Engine Room Clutches.	Engine room, starboard engine clutch.	Beam tubes i/c	
27.	Leading Stoker	LS, RAN	Kerin	Tiny, J			NSW. Annie Kerin, Coolan NSW, mother.	Stern tube.	Port Watch Engine Room, exhaust valve.	Stern tube.	Stern tube	Ref C: Responsible for cleaning periscope upper windows.
28.	Stoker	AB, RN	Wishart	Tommy			Scotland. Annie Wishart, Belfast, Ireland, wife.	Engine room.	Starboard Watch engine room exhaust valve.	Engine room exhaust valve.	Bow tube	

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29.	Stoker	AB, RAN (ex RN)	Walker	Hooky, T H			England. Elizabeth Mary Bishop's Lydeat, Somerset, wife.	Engine Room	Port Watch engine room clutches.	Ballast/Trim Pump, control room.	Port Watch Control room ballast/Trim pump.	
30.	Stoker	AB, RAN	Harding	Horace, J			VIC. Mrs Sarah Doyle, Melbourne, mother.	Casing	Starboard Watch engine room clutches.	Engine Room	Engine Room	
31.	Stoker	AB, RAN	Suckling	Charles, G			Aus. Lily Suckling, Coolie WA, mother.	Control Room, ballast/trim pump operations.	Control Room, ballast/trim pump operations.	Control Room, ballast pump operations.	Control Room, ballast/trim pump operations.	
32.	Stoker	AB, RAN	Jenkins	William, B			England. Mrs Hamilton, Melbourne, mother.	Casing Party, capstan.	Starboard Watch engine room clutches.	Engine Room	Bow tube.	
33.	Stoker	AB, RAN	Cullen	Jim			VIC. James Cullen, Middle Junction, WA, father.	Casing Party	Port Watch Engine Room Clutches.	Port Watch Engine Room Clutches.	Bow tube.	
34.	Stoker	AB, RAN	Williams*	Bill, M			VIC. Mary Williams, Dunkeld VIC, mother.	Casing Party	Starboard Watch Engine Room Clutches.	Engine Room.	Stern tubes.	

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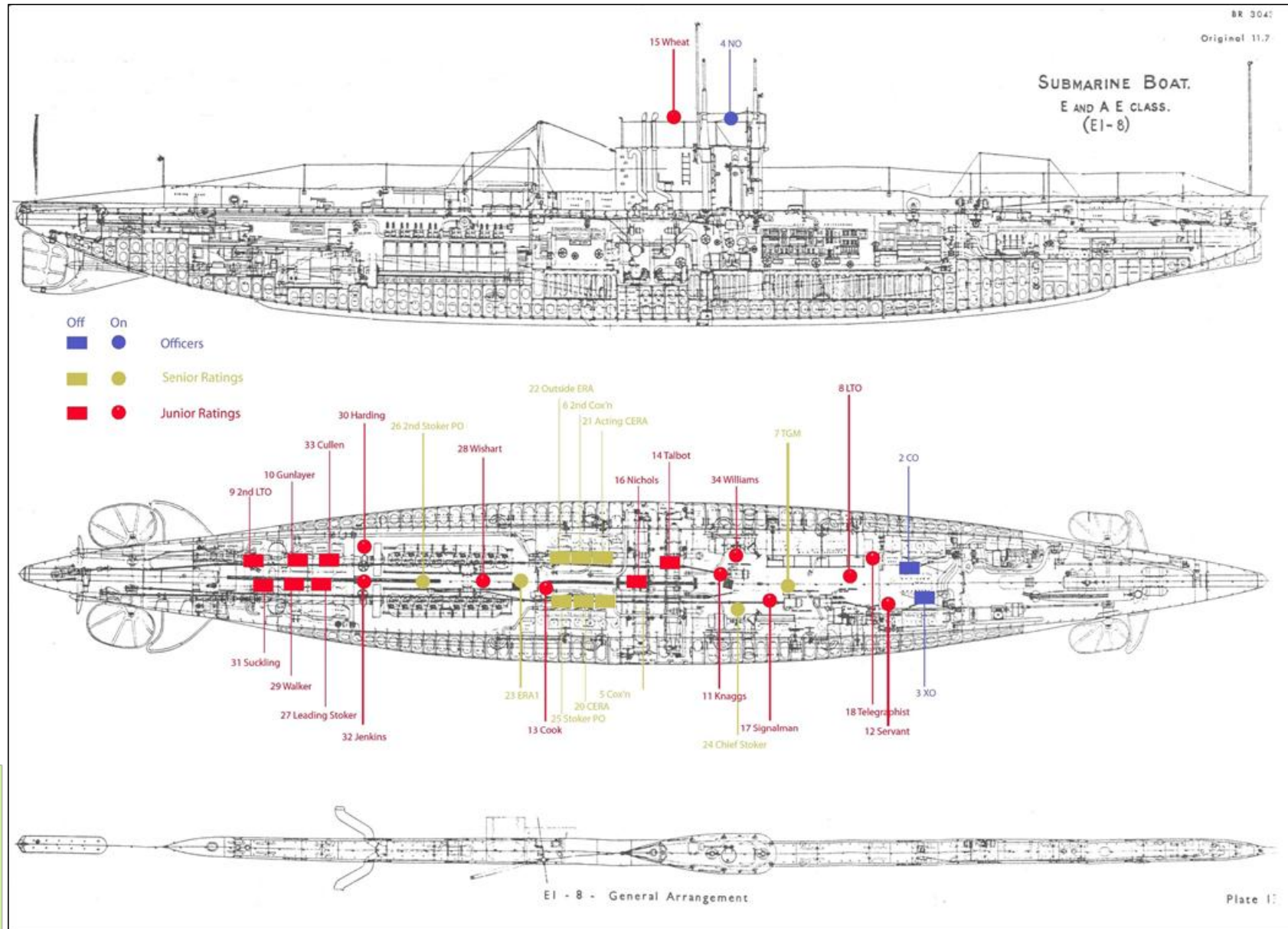
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Figure 22 - HMAS AE2 Crew Disposition at Special Sea Dutymen



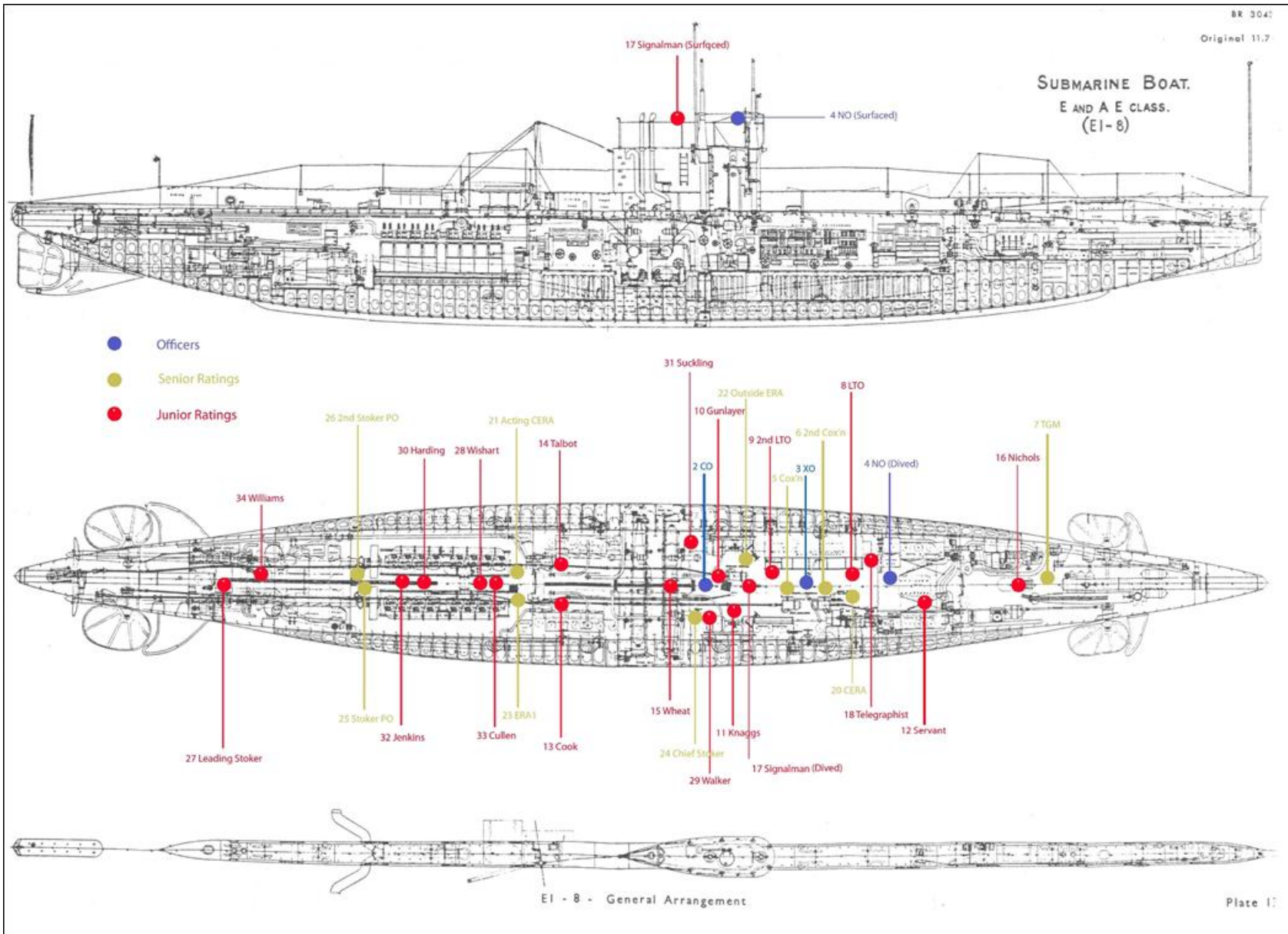
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Figure 23 - HMAS AE2 Crew Disposition at Patrol Routine (Surfaced) - Starboard Watch on Watch



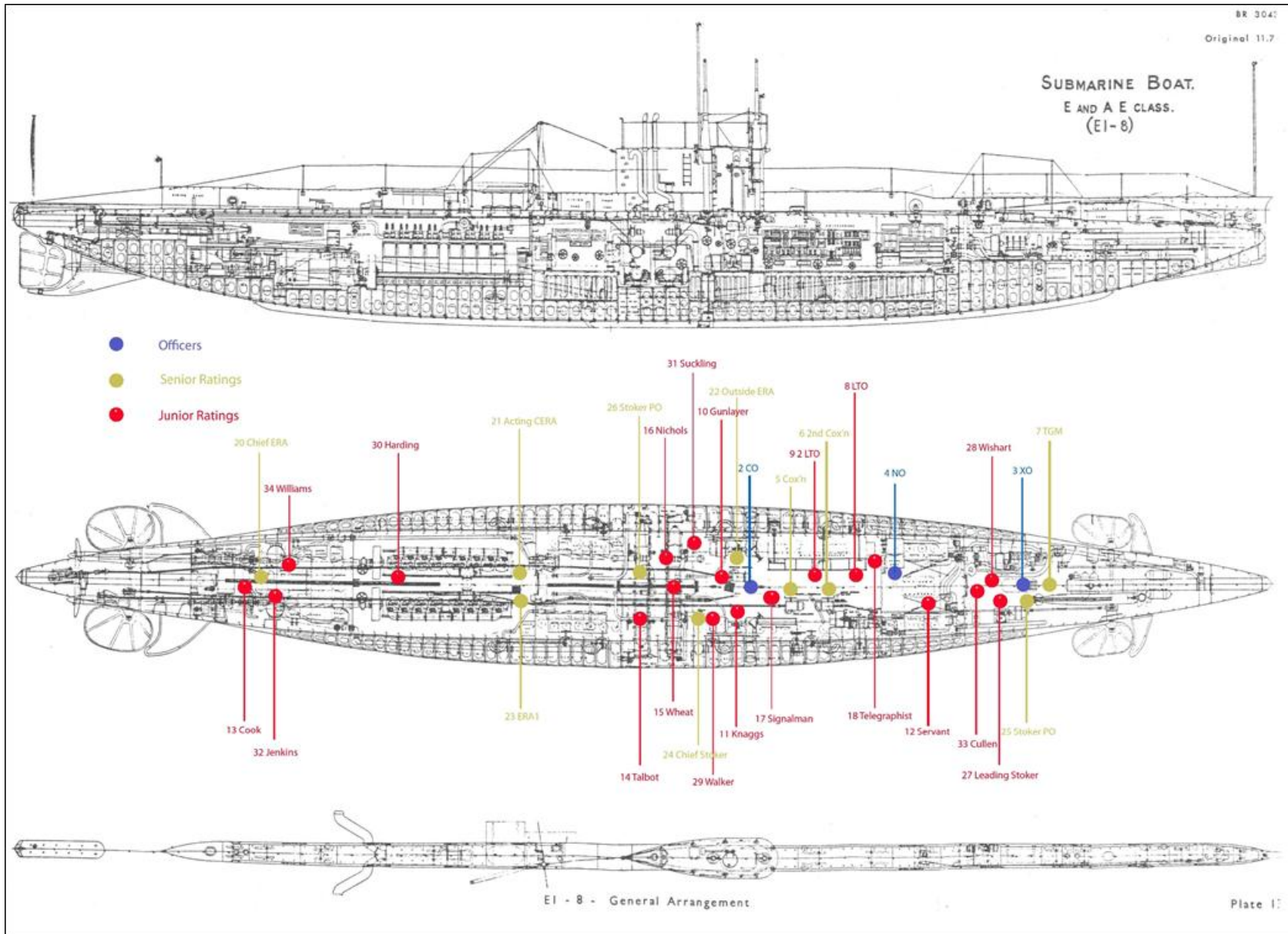
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Figure 24 - HMAS AE2 Crew Disposition at Diving Stations



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Figure 25 - HMAS AE2 Crew Disposition at Action Stations



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