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even though he may be under the age of 14 years. This appears to me to be deplorable.

9. I am not at all conversant with conditions at Nedlands Boys' Home, but consider that the section of the Salvation Army Home which is at present being occupied by the young children and 20 boys from six to nine years is deplorable.

10. In addition to Adjutant Jessop, who spends his time between the Home visited and Seaforth Boys' Home, the staff comprises Major Bogie (female), Adjutant Burr (female) occupied in the kitchen and Lieutenant Tonkin (female) occupied in the Home. They also receive some assistance from Lieutenant Hillman (a male), but each and all of these officers may at any time be called for to help out at the other Home.

11. It appeared to me that a number of the boys require dental attention. The Manager said that the van did not give the children their usual attendance in May and he asked if the Department could bring the matter up to have the place visited during the August holidays.

*J Stewart*

29.8.42.  
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INSPECTOR:

N O T E:

On the 3rd instant and accompanied by the Clerk-in-Charge, I visited the Nedlands Home at Gosnells. The dormitories in particular were very dull and dingey. The washroom is also in a bad condition. The kitchen is also as described by Miss Stewart. Adjutant Jessop agreed with me about all the matters under complaint, as did the Matron. It seems that Adjutant Jessop and his officers are doing all they can in the interests of the children. He is very anxious to get away from these buildings with the children who are housed there. It is difficult for him to manage a Home where half the boys are in one place and half in another. It is not possible to get the maximum results, but as was pointed out to him it is a matter of emergency and for emergency conditions things could be considered as being not so bad that immediate alteration to circumstances must be made.

2. On arrival at the Home I was informed that a Prayer Service was about to start in connection with the National Day of Prayer, so we participated in this before we proceeded to look at the Section of the Home referred to by Miss Stewart in her report. At Adjutant's request I addressed the boys.

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