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Jacket and introductory photographs:

Front jacket: Coffins in the catacomb at West Norwood cemetery.

Rear jacket: The abandoned low-level platform at Wood Lane station, closed 22 November 1947.

Facing title page: Accessed via a disused interchange subway at the far end of the northbound Bakerloo Line platform at Embankment station, this huge chamber beneath Villiers Street once housed the Embankment substation. For many years this supplied a large section of the underground railway system with traction current. It was abandoned in 1957 when a new substation was opened near Victoria Embankment Gardens. In October 2011 the Villiers Street site was brought back into use and three new 2,500kW transformer-rectifiers installed.