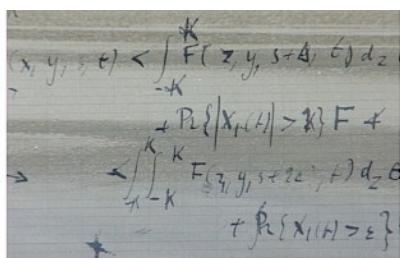




# THE LAST EQUATION OF PRIVATE DOBLIN

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## SYNOPSIS

When France surrendered in 1940 and German soldiers showed up in the small village of Housseras (Vosges, Région Grand Est, Northeast of France), an unknown French infantryman burned his papers and killed himself in a farmer's barn. Four years later he was identified as "soldat Doeblin, Vincent". In fact, he was none other than the mathematician Wolfgang Doeblin, son of the famous German novelist Alfred Doeblin ("Berlin Alexanderplatz") who was forced to flee Germany with his family in 1933 because of his resolutely anti-Nazi positions and Jewish descent.

A French citizen since October 1936, Wolfgang Doeblin carried on his research in Probability Theory during his military service and even during the hardships of the "Phoney War" in the winter of 1939-40. In February 1940, four months before his death at the age of 25, he sent his most important manuscripts ("About Kolmogorov's Equation") in a sealed envelope to the Academy of Sciences in Paris, where they were kept in safe custody...

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2007 R.I.S.C. Marseille / France  
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