

The Battle of Karánsebes: When Austrian Soldiers Fought Each Other by Mistake

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With evening approaching, some troops ventured into the nearby village in search of supplies. Among the provisions they stumbled upon was a barrel of local Schnapps, and as the sun began to set, they gathered around a campfire to share their newfound treasure. ??

Meanwhile, a contingent of Austrian cavalry, returning from a scouting mission, arrived at the campsite. Eager to join the celebration, they approached the gathering soldiers, shouting "Halt! Halt!" ??

However, the troops around the fire, assuming they were being attacked by the enemy, panicked. Chaos ensued as soldiers grabbed their weapons and fled in all directions, trampling over one another. ????

Blinded by fear and confusion, the Austrians opened fire indiscriminately. Bullets whizzed through the air, and screams of terror filled the night. The scene quickly descended into utter mayhem as soldiers turned against their own comrades. ??

The following morning, the commanders surveyed the aftermath of the disastrous battle. The casualties were staggering, with over a thousand soldiers dead or wounded. To their disbelief, they discovered that not a single Ottoman soldier had been involved in the skirmish. The enemy was nowhere in sight. ??