

Read the text below. For questions 1-5 choose the correct answers

How the Austrian army defeated itself

WHO WOULD WIN?

100.000 Austrians soldiers



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The Battle of Karansebes in 1788 was caused by friendly fire. The Austrian Army at that time consisted of Austrians, Czechs, Germans, Frenchmen, Serbs, Croats, and Poles. This made communication difficult and resulted in an army that was poorly organized.

During the night some soldiers got into an argument over alcohol and a shot was fired. Suddenly the main camp was shouting "Turks, Turks!" and chaos followed. Austrian officers were shouting "Halt, Halt!" in German, trying to reestablish order but the majority of the soldiers did not speak German and believed they were hearing the Turks screaming "Allah Allah" as they attacked. Suddenly everyone started firing at anything that moved in the darkness. A commander, believing the Ottoman cavalry was attacking the camp, decided to shoot his own men with artillery fire! This is what led to 10,000 dead Austrian soldiers.

The Turkish Army? Well, they did not arrive until 2 days later and took control of the town of Karansebes.