



Typical militia men of the mid 1850s

Militia Men Destroy Farmer's Gate

Devizes Sessions Petty Sessions

Monday May 9,

(Before Dr Seagram and Mr Pigou)

George Offer and Anthony Day, a couple of young militiamen, were summoned for willfully destroying Farmer Munday's gate, at Wedhampton, on the night of the 16th ult. The youths, it appeared, had been spending the evening at a public house, where they had had rather too much beer, and on their road home, by way of a "spree", broke Mr Munday's gate to pieces. They were caught in the act by the policeman. The exploit cost them 11s 6d each, which they promised to pay as soon as their 3 weeks' drill was over.

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