A rare photo of “Field Marshal” Dedan Kimathi – About him in brief

Name: Dedan Kimathi
Clan: Ambui
Tribe: Kikuyu
Born: 1920

DESCRIPTION
Height: 5’ 9”
Build: Thickset
Complexion: Medium light.

IDENTIFICATION MARKS
Third (Ring) Finger left Hand Lower, two joints missing.
1 scar on the cheek bone
HABITS
A tireless walker normally believed to carry a 450 D/B sporting rifle.
Wore both Police and Army uniforms.
Alternates between being bearded and clean shaven.
Always accompanied by a personal bodyguard, well armed and dressed in items of police clothing.

EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT
Education:
Primary School - Ihururu Govt.
African School - Kagumo.
Speaks and writes English.

Employment:
Before 1949: Worked on various farms in Ol Kalou area usually as a milk clerk.
1949: Teacher at Karunaini Primary
1950: Teacher at Ngenkera Estate.
1951: Clerk, South Tetu Diary
1951: Clerk, Shell Company - Thomson’s Falls.

ANTICOLONIAL ACTIVITIES
Originally appointed KAU secretary at Thomson’s falls by Mzee Jomo Kenyatta personally on one of his visits in 1951. He took to the forest in Dec 1952.