

CONSTRUCTION OF THE NAIROBI AIRPORT AT EMBAKASI – Late 1950's



Hand excavation works being supervised by Indian foreman



Skilled Sikh carpenters working on formwork for concrete ground beams and foundations.



Indian foremen overseeing construction works. Skilled stone masons carving rocks to produce perfect shapes of solid stone bricks, a hallmark of construction material used in Kenya since the late 1800's



European Engineers and operatives handling construction activities requiring more accuracy and skills asphaltting the runways and taxi aprons



A familiar face working on the project



Actually the Queen Mother was unable to arrive on time from her Australian Tour to take part in the opening ceremony. Instead, the Kenya Governor, Sir Evelyn Baring took to the podium.



Governor Sir Evelyn Baring inspecting the aircrafts assembled on the taxi way during the opening ceremony



Packed public sitting in front of the impressive airport terminal at its inauguration in 1958



Members of the public and school children attending the opening ceremony on 8 March 1958. Any familiar faces I wonder?



His Excellency Sir Evelyn Baring, Governor of Kenya, talking to a local Chief during the opening ceremony of Nairobi Airport.

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