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**HENRY CHAPMAN CABRAL 1928-1951:
Malcolm Howe**

The most recent plaque to a victim of war in St George's Church is in memory of Henry Chapman Cabral, son of José Cabral and an English mother who was educated in England and after Sandhurst was commissioned in the Gloucestershire Regiment in 1949. The inscription is surmounted by the regimental badge of the *Glosters*.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
LIEUT HENRY CHAPMAN CABRAL
THE GLOUCESTERSHIRE REGIMENT
BORN DECEMBER 24th 1928 DIED IN CAPTIVITY IN
KOREA NOVEMBER 26th 1951

Henry Cabral first served in the 1st Battalion in Jamaica and was a popular officer. His rich Portuguese father was greatly esteemed for his exploits during the Second World War when he flew his private aeroplane regularly over the Straits of Gibraltar spying on German submarines; the Germans never caught up with him. In 1950 Henry brought his beautiful English girlfriend to Portugal to meet his family and to tour the country, but they could not stay in the same hotel, albeit in separate rooms, without a chaperone. They were accompanied by his brother officer and best friend Kit Rawlings, who kindly supplied these biographical details, and his wife. They stayed in five hotels all gratis when the management knew he was José Cabral's son. However at Busaco, where they stayed for three days at the Palace Hotel, they were informed that they would have to pay for their drinks. Although they consumed plenty of excellent wine, the receptionist in fact tore up their bill. Henry was ap-

pointed Intelligence Officer, fought in the Korean War and was taken prisoner in the Battle of the Imjin River with most of the other *Glosters'* officers including Lieutenant-Colonel James Carne. Tragically, because Henry was the Intelligence Officer he was continually being questioned by the North Korean communist captors. Terribly badly treated, he was beaten until they killed him. There is no doubt that the battle stopped the Chinese and North Koreans from taking over South Korea. Lieutenant-Colonel Crane was awarded the Victoria Cross and Henry was posthumously mentioned in dispatches, having died one month short of his twenty-third birthday. It was only when Kit Rawlings had proof of Henry's death that he told his parents who had kept hoping that their son was alive. His name is the last of those who sacrificed their lives for their country read out aloud in St George's Church each year on Remembrance Sunday.