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	A.M.P.C. (Palestinian Pioneer Corps)	P/ 12300	Private Jechel Usher KASAP	<p>Pte. KASAP was taken prisoner by the Germans near Cape MATAPAN on 27.5.41, when he was betrayed by a Greek after succeeding in remaining at large in the hills for a month after the evacuation of GREECE. He was held in a camp of prisoners of war near GRAVIAS. About the end of June, while proceeding by rail from ATHENS to SALONIKA, he slipped off the train near GRAVIAS. As he speaks German he persuaded the German guard to look the other way and not to shoot. He remained hidden in the LAMIA district for three months, then moved to ATHENS. Here he tried to escape again, but was betrayed a second time. The caique on which he was sailing was intercepted by a German patrol just outside PIRAEUS. He was taken back to ATHENS and imprisoned at AVEROFF, where he was given 15 days' solitary confinement and accused of being a spy by the Gestapo. (This was probably due to the fact that having learnt Greek he had acted as interpreter for several Greeks helping Britishers).</p> <p>Soon after, with about 20 others, Pte. KASAP was put on board a ship taking recaptured P/W from Crete to SALONIKA. On arrival he was put in the Barracks of No. 50 Regt. in SALONIKA.</p> <p>Through speaking German, he won the confidence of an I.O., who took him out of the camp for short excursions; on 6.2.42, having allayed all suspicion, he slipped away.</p> <p>Pte. KASAP hid in SALONIKA and district till early in October/</p>	Middle East Representative of M.I.9 H.R. Alexander D.W. CLARKE G.S. (I) G.H.Q., M.E.	M.M. "Immediate"	

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			<p>October he got in touch with the organisation and was rescued, reaching Turkey on 23.10.42. Pte. KASAP evaded capture for a month and subsequently escaped no less than 3 times. He succeeded in spite of hardship and betrayal due to sheer determination and perseverance. In ATHENS, at risk of his own safety, he helped his fellow escapers. An excellent performance. Undaunted by what he has experienced, he has now volunteered to return and will go back shortly to rescue others.</p>				

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