

Persa, Frank R.

Eight Area Youths Finish Basic Naval Training

Eight Bethlehem area youths have been granted leaves following completion of their basic training at the U. S. Naval Training Station, Hampson, N. Y. **JUL 2 1943**

They are Frank R. Persa, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Persa, 735 East Morton Street; Donald Robert Rau Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Robert Rau Sr., Clearfield Street, University Heights; Walter Bristal, son of Mrs. Albert Bristal, of 2049 Kenmore Avenue; Robert Paul Berkes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kalman Berkes, 1113 Calypso Avenue; Andrew Hayes, son of Mrs. Anna Hayes, R. D. 4; John Robert Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Brown, 326 Seventh Avenue; Stephen S. Soltis, son of Mrs. Anna Soltis, 1137 East Third Street, all of Bethlehem, and Edward R. Keller, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Keller, 125 Northampton Street, Hellertown.

All the youths have been given ratings of seamen second class and are now eligible for further assignment where additional instruction will be given. Upon completion of this next step in their naval careers, the local bluejackets may qualify for petty officer ratings.

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