Bernard Shultz

Born: October 6, 1922

Hometown: Newport News, VA

Class: 1945

Service: Merchant Marine

Position / Rank: Deck Cadet

Date / Place of death: July 18, 1944 / Milne
                                      Bay, New Guinea

Date / Place of burial: July 1944 / Grave #265,
                                      U.S. Army Air Force
                                      Cemetery #2, Milne Bay, New Guinea;
                                      February 7, 1949 / Mount Carmel Cemetery, Queens, NY

Age: 21

Bernard Shultz signed on as Deck Cadet aboard the *MV Cape Ugat* at San Francisco, CA on February 4, 1944. He joined Cadet-Midshipman William N. Johnson who also signed on as Deck Cadet on February 2. The ship made one voyage to the Pacific and had returned to Los Angeles to load cargo.

According to the ship's Official Log Book, at 0800 on June 6, 1944, two days after sailing from Los Angeles, Bernard Shultz, "reported something in throat" to the Master. He was relieved of duty and placed in the Sick Bay, where he was given a course of the antibiotic sulfadiazine, hot packs, and a modified diet. Almost three weeks later the *Cape Ugat* arrived at Milne Bay, New Guinea. At 2030 on June 26, 1944, a few hours after the ship arrived, Cadet-Midshipman Shultz was taken ashore to U.S. Army Station Hospital #174. After several blood transfusions and operations Cadet-Midshipman Bernard Shultz died on July 18 of acute Ludwig's Angina. This is an infection of the lower mouth usually caused by dental treatment such as the removal of a tooth.

Cadet-Midshipman Bernard Shultz was posthumously awarded the Pacific War Zone Bar, the Victory Medal, and the Presidential Testimonial Letter.

Bernard Shultz was the oldest son of Sam Shultz and Malle Glick Shultz. Before being accepted to Kings Point, Bernard Shultz enlisted in the Naval Reserve on September 11, 1942 and was called to Active Duty as an Aviation Cadet on April 14, 1943. However, he was discharged on September 2, 1943 so that he could report to Kings Point. He was appointed a Midshipman, MMR, USNR on October 25, 1943.