



Rodney A. Renfrew 102-44

Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army

Service # O-544380

**319th Field Artillery Battalion
82nd Airborne Division**

Entered the Service from: Ohio

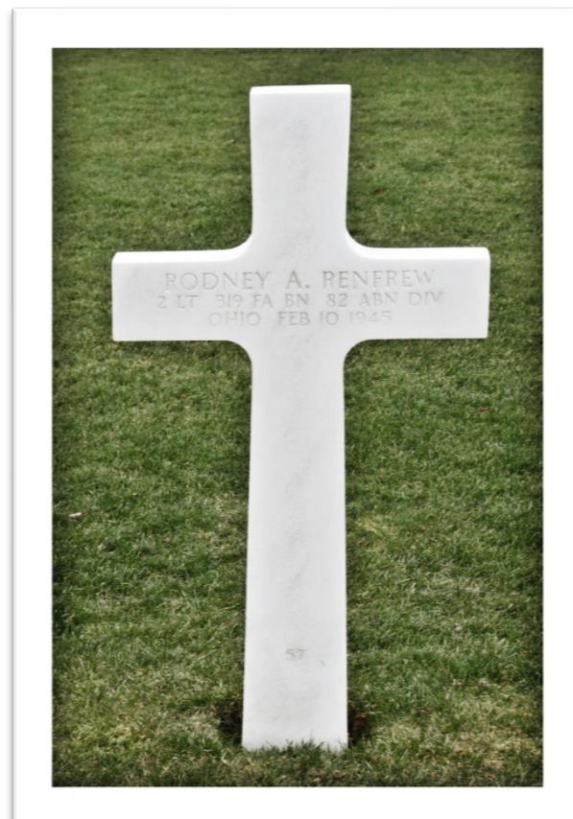
Died: 10-February-1945

Buried at: Plot E Row 1 Grave 57

Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery

Henri-Chapelle, Belgium

Awards: Silver Star, Purple Heart



Silver Star



The President of the United States of America, authorized by Act of Congress July 9, 1918, takes pride in presenting the Silver Star (Posthumously) to Second Lieutenant (Field Artillery) Rodney A. Renfrew (ASN: 0-544380), United States Army, for gallantry in action while serving with the 319th Glider Field Artillery Battalion, 82d Airborne Division, in action against the enemy near **, Germany, on 10 February 1945. Second Lieutenant Renfrew was acting as an artillery observer with assault elements of an infantry battalion in a bitter phase of battle on the banks of the Roer River. Advancing down a steep slope in complete darkness, the attacking force stumbled into a heavily mined area and Second Lieutenant Renfrew was mortally wounded. Although paralyzed, he refused to allow his men to stop to treat him. He gave them full instructions and urged them on into the attack. Second Lieutenant Renfrew lost his life in this action, but the spirit he instilled in his men, his courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces.**

General Orders: Headquarters, 82d Airborne Division, General Orders No. 129 (October 24, 1945)