

# Biographical Data Form

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## PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Veteran  Civilian  THOMAS HARSHMAN LYONS  
first middle last maiden name

Place of Birth DETROIT, MICHIGAN Birth Date 1923

Race/Ethnicity (optional) WHITE Male  Female

Branch of Service or Wartime Activity U.S. AIR CORPS, EUROPEAN THEATER

Commissioned  Enlisted  Drafted  Service dates MARCH 14, '43 JULY 15, 1945

Highest Rank T5

Unit, Division, Battalion, Group, Ship, etc. (Do not abbreviate.)

U.S. AIR CORPS 690TH AIR FORCE BAND

War, operation, or conflict served in WORLD WAR II (ENGLAND, FRANCE)

Locations of military or civilian service UTAH (KEARNS), EUROPEAN THEATER,  
TEXAS, NEW JERSEY, ILLINOIS, GERMANY (WAR+PEACE)

Battles/campaigns (please name) EUROPEAN THEATER

Medals or special service awards. If so, please list (be as specific as possible): GOOD CONDUCT,  
EUROPEAN THEATER,

Special duties/highlights/achievements MARCHING BAND, MUSICAL  
PERFORMANCE (MANY SKILLS USED)

Was the veteran a prisoner of war? Yes  No

Did the veteran or civilian sustain combat or service-related injuries? Yes  No

Interviewer (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

(Please use reverse for any additional biographical information.)

Additional Service History Information

Branch of Service or Wartime Activity AIR FORCE BANDSMAN (TROMBONIST)

Commissioned  Enlisted  Drafted  Service dates MARCH 15 '43 - AUGUST 31 '45

Highest Rank T5

Unit, Division, Battalion, Group, Ship, etc. (Do not abbreviate.) 690TH AIR CORPS BAND

War, operation, or conflict served in EUROPEAN THEATER - INFANTRY - UNASSIGNED

Locations of military or civilian service U. S., ENGLAND, FRANCE, GERMANY  
(UTAH, TEXAS, NEW JERSEY) [ILLINOIS - BRIEFLY]

Battles/campaigns (please name) EUROPEAN THEATER

Medals or special service awards. If so, please list (be as specific as possible): GOOD CONDUCT,  
EUROPEAN THEATER

Special duties/highlights/achievements MUSICAL PERFORMANCES (ON BASE) + (OFF BASE) +  
MARCHING AS A UNIT IN MANY PERFORMANCES AND PARADES

Was the veteran a prisoner of war? Yes  No

Did the veteran or civilian sustain combat or service-related injuries? Yes  No

Additional Biographical Information

IN 1945 I SERVED IN A SPECIAL SERVICES BAND FROM FORT LEE (VA) FOR 2 MONTHS THROUGH THE SOUTHEASTERN US ENTERTAINING INJURED TROOPS AT MILITARY HOSPITALS IN MANY LOCATIONS. I ALSO ENTERTAINED (IN 1944) WITH THE 690TH A.F. BAND AT A NAVAL MILITARY HOSPITAL IN YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK (SEVERAL TIMES) AS WELL AS PERFORMING IN A WEEKLY RADIO SHOW ON A FRESNO, CA STATION (IN 1944). UNITS OF THE 690TH BAND ALSO PROVIDED MUSIC FOR DANCES SEVERAL TIMES A WEEK AS WELL AS SMALL COMBO MUSIC AFTER REGULAR HOURS AT THE OFFICERS CLUB.