William Hardman was born in Fairmount, Minnesota on January 3, 1897 to David Henry Hardman (1866-1933) and Anna Bertha Ackermann (1872). David’s Dad owned a poultry farm and later worked as a butcher at the stock yards in South St Paul, Minnesota. His Mom worked as a telephone operator for a department store. William was working for the stock yards when he registered for the draft on June 5, 1918. He was 21 and living in South Park, South St Paul and his brother David was already training to be sent overseas. He was drafted and assigned to Company M, Army Training – Machine Gun Battalion on September 4, 1918. He spent the next five months at Camp Hancock, Georgia until he was released on February 28, 1919. He returned home to South St Paul and worked as a foreman until he retired. He married Florence A Albrecht (1904-1999) on September 9, 1933. He died on April 4, 1963 at the age of 66 and he is buried at Acacia Park Cemetery in Mendota Heights, Minnesota.