DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of JOHN W. THOMPSON and DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY, NAVY PUBLIC WORKS CENTER, Great Lakes, Ill.

Docket No. 97-430; Submitted on the Record; Issued December 18, 1998

DECISION and **ORDER**

Before DAVID S. GERSON, MICHAEL E. GROOM, A. PETER KANJORSKI

The issue is whether appellant has greater than a 31 percent permanent impairment of his right lower extremity for which he received a schedule award.

The Board has given careful consideration to the issue involved, the contentions of appellant on appeal, and the entire case record. The Board finds that the decision of the hearing representative of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated August 30, 1996 is in accordance with the facts and the law in this case and hereby adopts the findings and conclusions of the Office hearing representative.

The decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs August 30, 1996 is hereby affirmed.

Dated, Washington, D.C. December 18, 1998

> David S. Gerson Member

Michael E. Groom Alternate Member

A. Peter Kanjorski Alternate Member