## U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

## Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

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In the Matter of MARK F. KRINKE <u>and</u> U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, POST OFFICE, Toledo, Ohio

Docket No. 97-153; Submitted on the Record; Issued July 21, 1998

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## **DECISION** and **ORDER**

## Before WILLIE T.C. THOMAS, MICHAEL E. GROOM, BRADLEY T. KNOTT

The issue is whether appellant has established that he developed an emotional condition in the performance of duty, causally related to factors of his federal employment.

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 and made final on June 21, 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 dated June 21, 1996 is affirmed.

Dated, Washington, D.C. July 21, 1998

> Willie T.C. Thomas Alternate Member

Michael E. Groom Alternate Member

Bradley T. Knott Alternate Member