U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of JOHN McGOWEN <u>and</u> DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY, LONG BEACH NAVAL SHIPYARD, Long Beach, CA

Docket No. 98-969; Submitted on the Record; Issued August 17, 1999

DECISION and **ORDER**

Before GEORGE E. RIVERS, WILLIE T.C. THOMAS, MICHAEL E. GROOM

The issue is whether appellant sustained an injury on October 25, 1994 in the performance of duty, as alleged.

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 January 15, 1997 decision of the hearing representative of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs is in accordance with the facts and the law in this case and hereby adopts the findings and conclusions of the hearing representative.

The decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated January 15, 1997 is hereby affirmed.

Dated, Washington, D.C. August 17, 1999

> George E. Rivers Member

Willie T.C. Thomas Alternate Member

Michael E. Groom Alternate Member