U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of ELAINE F. VAPPIE <u>and</u> U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, GENERAL MAIL FACILITY, Midland, TX

Docket No. 98-1485; Submitted on the Record; Issued April 11, 2000

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DECISION and **ORDER**

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

The issue is whether appellant sustained a psychiatric condition in the performance of duty.

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 January 2, 1998 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 January 2, 1998 is affirmed.

Dated, Washington, D.C. April 11, 2000

> David S. Gerson Member

Michael E. Groom Alternate Member

A. Peter Kanjorski Alternate Member