U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of STEPHEN W. IWASKO, JR. and DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, MEDICAL CENTER, Philadelphia, PA

Docket No. 99-1011; Submitted on the Record; Issued June 9, 2000

DECISION and **ORDER**

Before GEORGE E. RIVERS, DAVID S. GERSON, WILLIE T.C. THOMAS

The issue is whether appellant has more than a 50 percent permanent impairment of his left lower extremity for which he received a schedule award.

The Board has given careful consideration to the issue involved, appellant's contentions 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 October 23, 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 October 23, 1998 decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs is hereby affirmed.

Dated, Washington, D.C. June 9, 2000

> George E. Rivers Member

David S. Gerson Member

Willie T.C. Thomas Alternate Member