U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of PEGGY A. TATE <u>and</u> DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, DEFENSE FINANCE ACCOUNTING CENTER, Cleveland, OH

Docket No. 99-101; Submitted on the Record; Issued March 24, 2000

DECISION and **ORDER**

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

The issue is whether appellant has met her burden of proof to establish that she sustained an injury caused by factors of her federal employment.

The Board has given careful consideration to the issue involved, the contentions of the parties 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 28, 1998 which affirmed the Office's June 11, 1997 decision 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' hearing representative dated August 28, 1998 is hereby affirmed.

Dated, Washington, D.C. March 24, 2000

George E. Rivers Member

David S. Gerson Member

Willie T.C. Thomas Alternate Member