U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of BARRY DAVIS <u>and</u> DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, VETERANS ADMINISTRATION HOSPITAL, Charleston, SC

Docket No. 99-2472; Submitted on the Record; Issued October 27, 2000

DECISION and **ORDER**

Before WILLIE T.C. THOMAS, A. PETER KANJORSKI, PRISCILLA ANNE SCHWAB

The issue is whether appellant has met his burden of proof to establish that he sustained a medical condition causally related to his July 26, 1997 employment incident.

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 Office of Workers' Compensation Programs hearing representative dated September 18, 1998, which affirmed the Office's November 17, 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 September 18, 1998 decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs is hereby affirmed.

Dated, Washington, DC October 27, 2000

> Willie T.C. Thomas Member

A. Peter Kanjorski Alternate Member

Priscilla Anne Schwab Alternate Member