U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of ALVIN L. STEELE <u>and</u> U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, DALLAS PACKAGE & DELIVERY CENTER, Dallas, TX

Docket No. 00-2642; Submitted on the Record; Issued July 3, 2001

DECISION and **ORDER**

Before DAVID S. GERSON, MICHAEL E. GROOM, BRADLEY T. KNOTT

The issue is whether appellant has met his burden of proof in establishing that he developed an emotional condition due to factors of his 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 Office of Workers' Compensation Programs' hearing representative, dated May 25, 2000 and finalized May 26, 2000, 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 May 25, 2001 and finalized May 26, 2001 is affirmed.

Dated, Washington, DC July 3, 2001

> David S. Gerson Member

Michael E. Groom Alternate Member

Bradley T. Knott Alternate Member