U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of DONALD FERRY and U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, PROCESSING & DELIVERY CENTER, Stockton, CA

Docket No. 00-2356; Submitted on the Record; Issued June 1, 2001

DECISION and **ORDER**

Before WILLIE T.C. THOMAS, BRADLEY T. KNOTT, PRISCILLA ANNE SCHWAB

The issue is whether appellant has met his burden of proof in establishing that he sustained a back injury in the performance of duty on April 7, 1998.

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 March 20, 2000 decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs' hearing representative is in accordance with the facts and the law in this case and hereby adopts the findings and conclusions of the hearing representative.

The March 20, 2000 decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs is affirmed.

Dated, Washington, DC June 1, 2001

> Willie T.C. Thomas Member

Bradley T. Knott Alternate Member

Priscilla Anne Schwab Alternate Member