#### U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

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In the Matter of CHARLES THOMAS HURSH <u>and</u> U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, POST OFFICE, West Chester, Pa.

Docket No. 97-294; Submitted on the Record; Issued August 14, 1998

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#### **DECISION** and **ORDER**

# Before DAVID S. GERSON, WILLIE T.C. THOMAS, MICHAEL E. GROOM

The issue is whether appellant has established that his emotional condition occurred in the performance of duty.

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 July 25, 1996 decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs' hearing representative is in accordance with the facts and the law in this case and therefore adopts the findings and conclusions of the hearing representative.

The July 25, 1996 decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs is affirmed.

Dated, Washington, D.C. August 14, 1998

> David S. Gerson Member

Willie T.C. Thomas Alternate Member

Michael E. Groom

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