U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of MADELINE LOUISE NELSON <u>and</u> DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, VETERANS ADMINISTRATION HOSPITAL, Dayton, Ohio

Docket No. 97-508; Submitted on the Record; Issued August 27, 1998

DECISION and **ORDER**

Before MICHAEL J. WALSH, DAVID S. GERSON, WILLIE T.C. THOMAS

The issue is whether appellant has established that she had continuing disability on or after August 20, 1990 causally related to her December 26, 1989 employment injury.

The Board has duly reviewed the case record and concludes that appellant has not met her burden of proof in this case.

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 and finalized on September 13, 1996 is in accordance with the facts and 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 and finalized September 13, 1996 is hereby affirmed.

Dated, Washington, D.C. August 27, 1998

> Michael J. Walsh Chairman

David S. Gerson Member

Willie T.C. Thomas Alternate Member