U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of RICHARD BOTTINI and DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY, Fort Polk, La.

Docket No. 97-875; Submitted on the Record; Issued December 10, 1998

DECISION and **ORDER**

Before GEORGE E. RIVERS, DAVID S. GERSON, BRADLEY T. KNOTT

The issue is whether appellant has established that he sustained an emotional condition in the performance of his federal employment.

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 27 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 September 27, 1996 is hereby affirmed.

Dated, Washington, D.C. December 10, 1998

> George E. Rivers Member

David S. Gerson Member

Bradley T. Knott Alternate Member