## U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

## Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

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In the Matter of ALFRED F. CAPPARELLI <u>and</u> DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY, TANK AUTO COMMAND, Warren, Mich.

Docket No. 96-2276; Submitted on the Record; Issued July 20, 1998

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

## Before MICHAEL J. WALSH, WILLIE T.C. THOMAS, A. PETER KANJORSKI

The issue is whether appellant has established that his cervical condition is causally related to duties 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 April 15, 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 April 15, 1996 is hereby affirmed.

Dated, Washington, D.C. July 20, 1998

Michael J. Walsh Chairman

Willie T.C. Thomas Alternate Member

A. Peter Kanjorski Alternate Member