

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of ELMER WINTERS and U.S. POSTAL SERVICE,
POST OFFICE, Cleveland, Ohio

*Docket No. 97-1007; Submitted on the Record;
Issued July 24, 1998*

DECISION and ORDER

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

The issue is whether appellant has established that he sustained a recurrence of disability on or after November 29, 1993, causally related to his February 5, 1972 accepted right knee laceration injury or to his March 3, 1972 accepted left hand laceration injury, or whether he has any disabling injury residuals.

The Board finds that the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs' hearing representative's decision dated October 18, 1996 is in accordance with the facts and law of the case and hereby adopts the hearing representative's findings and conclusions.

The decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated October 18, 1996 is hereby affirmed.

Dated, Washington, D.C.
July 24, 1998

David S. Gerson
Member

Willie T.C. Thomas
Alternate Member

Michael E. Groom
Alternate Member