U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of JAMES MIDDLEBROOK, JR. and DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, DAYTON VETERANS HOSPITAL, Dayton, Ohio

Docket No. 96-2049; Submitted on the Record; Issued June 8, 1998

DECISION and **ORDER**

Before GEORGE E. RIVERS, DAVID S. GERSON, MICHAEL E. GROOM

The issue is whether appellant established that he sustained an injury to his right knee 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 May 14, 1996 decision of the hearing representative of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs is in accordance with the facts and the law in this case and therefore adopts the findings and conclusions of the hearing representative.

The May 14, 1996 decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs is affirmed.

Dated, Washington, D.C. June 8, 1998

> George E. Rivers Member

David S. Gerson Member

Michael E. Groom

Alternate Member