

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of ROBERT E. HARMS and DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE,
NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU, Phoenix, Ariz.

*Docket No. 96-2161; Submitted on the Record;
Issued June 5, 1998*

DECISION and ORDER

Before GEORGE E. RIVERS, MICHAEL E. GROOM,
BRADLEY T. KNOTT

The issue is whether appellant has more than a 13 percent monaural hearing loss in his left ear for which he received a schedule award.

The Board has given careful consideration to the issue involved, the contentions of the parties on appeal, and the entire case record. The Board finds that the April 16, 1996 decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs' hearing representative, is in accordance with the facts and the law in this case and hereby adopts the findings and conclusions of the hearing representative.¹

The April 16, 1996 decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs is affirmed.

Dated, Washington, D.C.
June 5, 1998

George E. Rivers
Member

Michael E. Groom
Alternate Member

¹ On appeal counsel for appellant raises issues about whether the American Medical Association, *Guides to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment* (4th ed. 1993) are set up to fully compensate appellant for his hearing loss. The issue was raised before the hearing representative and addressed in the April 16, 1996 decision; *see also Harry D. Butler*, 43 ECAB 859 (1992).

Bradley T. Knott
Alternate Member