U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of JAMES E. SAFFEL <u>and</u> DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, DEFENSE MAPPING AGENCY, St. Louis, MO

Docket No. 99-4; Submitted on the Record; Issued February 25, 2000

DECISION and **ORDER**

Before WILLIE T.C. THOMAS, BRADLEY T. KNOTT, A. PETER KANJORSKI

The issue is whether appellant has established that his left wrist condition and medical treatment on and after June 11, 1992 were causally related to his accepted August 31, 1989 left finger injury.

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 June 23, 1997 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.

The decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, dated June 23, 1997, is hereby affirmed.

Dated, Washington, D.C. February 25, 2000

Willie T.C. Thomas Alternate Member

Bradley T. Knott Alternate Member

A. Peter Kanjorski Alternate Member