## U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

## Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

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In the Matter of JAMES C. SMALL <u>and</u> U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, POST OFFICE, Dayton, OH

Docket No. 99-572; Submitted on the Record; Issued June 6, 2000

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

## Before MICHAEL J. WALSH, DAVID S. GERSON, BRADLEY T. KNOTT

The issue is whether appellant has met his burden of proof in establishing that he sustained a consequential injury to his left knee.

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 October 2, 1998 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 October 2, 1998 decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs is affirmed.

Dated, Washington, D.C. June 6, 2000

Michael J. Walsh Chairman

David S. Gerson Member

Bradley T. Knott Alternate Member