U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of LLOYD THOMAS EDWARDS <u>and</u> DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY, LONG BEACH NAVAL SHIPYARD, Long Beach, CA

Docket No. 99-1006; Submitted on the Record; Issued June 13, 2000

DECISION and **ORDER**

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

The issue is whether appellant established entitlement to a disability rating greater than a 21 percent permanent impairment of his right upper extremity for which he has received a schedule award.

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 November 23, 1998 decision, finalized on November 24, 1998, of the hearing representative of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs 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 November 23, 1998, finalized on November 24, 1998, is hereby affirmed.

Dated, Washington, D.C. June 13, 2000

> David S. Gerson Member

Willie T.C. Thomas Alternate Member

Michael E. Groom Alternate Member