U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of LAFAYETTE BIRD, JR. and U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, POST OFFICE, Philadelphia, PA

Docket No. 99-1441; Submitted on the Record; Issued June 28, 2000

DECISION and **ORDER**

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

The issue is whether appellant sustained greater than a 12 percent permanent impairment of his right lower extremity 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 December 9, 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 Office hearing representative.

The decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated December 9, 1998 is affirmed.

Dated, Washington, D.C. June 28, 2000

> David S. Gerson Member

Willie T.C. Thomas Alternate Member

Michael E. Groom Alternate Member