U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of EDWARD JACKSON <u>and</u> DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, VETERANS ADMINISTRATION MEDICAL CENTER, Kansas City, MO

Docket No. 99-134; Submitted on the Record; Issued May 1, 2000

DECISION and **ORDER**

Before GEORGE E. RIVERS, DAVID S. GERSON, BRADLEY T. KNOTT

The issue is whether appellant has met his burden of proof to establish that he sustained an emotional condition in the performance of duty.

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 decision of the hearing representative of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated August 5, 1998 which affirmed the Office's June 30, 1997 decision 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' hearing representative dated August 5, 1998 is hereby affirmed.

Dated, Washington, D.C. May 1, 2000

George E. Rivers Member

David S. Gerson Member

Bradley T. Knott Alternate Member