U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of BURDETTE EDMONDS <u>and</u> DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY, U.S. FIELD STATION, Augsburg, Germany

Docket No. 99-1253; Submitted on the Record; Issued January 18, 2001

DECISION and **ORDER**

Before WILLIE T.C. THOMAS, A. PETER KANJORSKI, VALERIE D. EVANS-HARRELL

The issue is whether the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs properly reduced appellant's compensation benefits effective February 1, 1998 based on its determination that the position of machine tender fairly and reasonably represented his wage-earning capacity.

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 decision of the Office's hearing representative, dated and finalized February 18, 1999, 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 February 18, 1999 is hereby affirmed.

Dated, Washington, DC January 18, 2001

> Willie T.C. Thomas Member

A. Peter Kanjorski Alternate Member

Valerie D. Evans-Harrell Alternate Member