U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of WAYNE HOWINGTON <u>and</u> DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE, KELLY AIR FORCE BASE, San Antonio, TX

Docket No. 00-85; Submitted on the Record; Issued September 27, 2001

DECISION and **ORDER**

Before WILLIE T.C. THOMAS, BRADLEY T. KNOTT, A. PETER KANJORSKI

The issue is whether appellant met his burden of proof to establish that he has shoulder and neck conditions related to his June 2, 1969 employment injury.

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 hearing representative of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated and finalized July 15, 1999 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 July 15, 1999 and September 8, 1998 decisions of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs are affirmed.

Dated, Washington, DC September 27, 2001

> Willie T.C. Thomas Member

Bradley T. Knott Alternate Member

A. Peter Kanjorski Alternate Member