U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of DAVID R. LIGGERIO <u>and</u> U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, POST OFFICE, Boston, MA

Docket No. 02-432; Submitted on the Record; Issued June 7, 2002

DECISION and **ORDER**

Before MICHAEL J. WALSH, DAVID S. GERSON, A. PETER KANJORSKI

The issue is whether appellant met his burden of proof to establish that he sustained a neck injury in the performance of duty.

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 February 22, 2001 and finalized February 23, 2001 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 February 22, 2001 and finalized February 23, 2001 is affirmed.

Dated, Washington, DC June 7, 2002

> Michael J. Walsh Chairman

David S. Gerson Alternate Member

A. Peter Kanjorski Alternate Member