U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of CARL G. CORVIN <u>and</u> DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE, AIR MOBILITY COMMAND, CHARLESTON AIR FORCE BASE, SC

Docket No. 01-2230; Submitted on the Record; Issued May 16, 2002

DECISION and **ORDER**

Before ALEC J. KOROMILAS, WILLIE T.C. THOMAS, A. PETER KANJORSKI

The issue is whether the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs properly determined that appellant did not have a ratable hearing loss which would entitle him to 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 decision of the hearing representative of the Office dated and finalized May 21, 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.¹

¹ The Office hearing representative properly found that the weight of the medical evidence rested with the opinion of the Office medical consultant, who determined that appellant did not have a ratable hearing loss. The record contains several audiograms obtained by the employing establishment, but these cannot be used to determine the percentage of hearing loss as they were not certified by a physician as being accurate; *see Joshua A. Holmes*, 42 ECAB 231, 236 (1990).

The May 21, 2001 and November 22, 2000 decisions of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs are affirmed.

Dated, Washington, DC May 16, 2002

> Alec J. Koromilas Member

Willie T.C. Thomas Alternate Member

A. Peter Kanjorski Alternate Member