

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of RICHARD BURCHFIELD and U.S. POSTAL SERVICE,
POST OFFICE, Coppel, Tex.

*Docket No. 97-1036; Submitted on the Record;
Issued November 10, 1998*

DECISION and ORDER

Before DAVID S. GERSON, BRADLEY T. KNOTT,
A. PETER KANJORSKI

The issue is whether appellant has met his burden of proof in establishing that his peripheral neuropathy is causally related to factors of his federal employment.

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 Office of Workers' Compensation Programs' hearing representative, dated November 14 and finalized November 15, 1996, is in accordance with the facts and law in this case and hereby adopts the findings and conclusions of the hearing representative.

The November 15, 1996 decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs is affirmed.

Dated, Washington, D.C.
November 10, 1998

David S. Gerson
Member

Bradley T. Knott
Alternate Member

A. Peter Kanjorski
Alternate Member