

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

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In the Matter of RONALD JOHNSON and U.S. POSTAL SERVICE,  
POST OFFICE, Cleveland, OH

*Docket No. 97-2866; Submitted on the Record;  
Issued August 5, 1999*

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DECISION and ORDER

Before DAVID S. GERSON, WILLIE T.C. THOMAS,  
BRADLEY T. KNOTT

The issue is whether appellant met his burden of proof to establish that he sustained a back or knee condition in the performance of duty.

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 hearing representative of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated and finalized August 14, 1997 is in accordance with the facts and the law in this case and hereby adopts the findings and conclusions of the Office hearing representative.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Appellant submitted reports, in which Drs. Steve Sanford and Mark Roth, both attending Board-certified internists, discussed his back and leg problems. However, neither of these doctors provided a rationalized opinion relating appellant's claimed condition to employment factors.

The decisions of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated and finalized August 14, 1997 and dated October 10, 1996 are affirmed.

Dated, Washington, D.C.  
August 5, 1999

David S. Gerson  
Member

Willie T.C. Thomas  
Alternate Member

Bradley T. Knott  
Alternate Member