

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of ARTHUR E. LEIBOLD and U.S. POSTAL SERVICE,
POST OFFICE, Lehigh Valley, Pa.

*Docket No. 97-1638; Submitted on the Record;
Issued February 10, 1999*

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 left or right knee injury 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 decisions of the hearing representative of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated and finalized March 20, 1997¹ are in accordance with the facts and the law in this case and hereby adopts the findings and conclusions of the Office hearing representative.

¹ The record contains two Office hearing representative decisions dated March 20, 1997. One decision concerns appellant's left knee injury claim and the other concerns his right knee injury claim.

The decisions of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated and finalized March 20, 1997 affirmed.

Dated, Washington, D.C.
February 10, 1999

David S. Gerson
Member

Willie T.C. Thomas
Alternate Member

Bradley T. Knott
Alternate Member