

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of GORDON J. RANCK and DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY,
U.S. ARMY MATERIAL COMMAND, Tooele, UT

*Docket No. 98-343; Submitted on the Record;
Issued July 19, 1999*

DECISION and ORDER

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

The issue is whether appellant has established that he sustained a ratable hearing loss in the performance of duty, 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 September 24, 1997 is in accordance with the facts and the law in this case and hereby adopts the findings and conclusions of the hearing representative.

The decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated September 24, 1997 is hereby affirmed.

Dated, Washington, D.C.
July 19, 1999

David S. Gerson
Member

Bradley T. Knott
Alternate Member

A. Peter Kanjorski
Alternate Member