

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of WILLIAM A. FRANCHI and DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY,
PHILADELPHIA NAVAL BASE, Philadelphia, PA

*Docket No. 98-1598; Submitted on the Record;
Issued October 26, 1999*

DECISION and ORDER

Before GEORGE E. RIVERS, WILLIE T.C. THOMAS,
BRADLEY T. KNOTT

The issue is whether appellant met his burden of proof to establish that he has more than a 10 percent impairment of his right thumb for which he received a schedule award.

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 February 13, 1998 is in accordance with the facts and the law in this case and hereby adopts the findings and conclusions of the Office hearing representative.

The decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated and finalized February 13, 1998 is affirmed.

Dated, Washington, D.C.
October 26, 1999

George E. Rivers
Member

Willie T.C. Thomas
Alternate Member

Bradley T. Knott
Alternate Member