

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of RAY H. ACARDO and U.S. POSTAL SERVICE,
POST OFFICE, Denham Springs, LA

*Docket No. 00-2233; Submitted on the Record;
Issued June 15, 2001*

DECISION and ORDER

Before DAVID S. GERSON, WILLIE T.C. THOMAS,
PRISCILLA ANNE SCHWAB

The issue is whether appellant sustained an emotional condition causally related to factors of his federal employment.

The Board has given careful consideration to the issue involved, the contentions of the parties 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 made final on April 13, 2000 is in accordance with the facts and the law in this case and hereby adopts the findings and conclusions of the Office hearing representative.¹

¹ To establish that he sustained an emotional condition causally related to factors of his federal employment, appellant must submit: (1) factual evidence identifying and supporting employment factors or incidents alleged to have caused or contributed to his condition; (2) rationalized medical evidence establishing that he has an emotional condition or psychiatric disorder; and (3) rationalized medical opinion evidence establishing that his emotional condition is causally related to the identified compensable employment factors; *see Kathleen D. Walker*, 42 ECAB 603 (1991). Although the Office hearing representative found that appellant implicated compensable employment factors, the claim was properly denied on the basis of the failure to establish a causal relationship between the claimed condition and the implicated factors or conditions of appellant's federal employment. *Kathryn Haggerty*, 45 ECAB 383 (1994).

The decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated April 13, 2000 is affirmed.

Dated, Washington, DC
June 15, 2001

David S. Gerson
Member

Willie T.C. Thomas
Member

Priscilla Anne Schwab
Alternate Member