

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

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In the Matter of ROBERT D. HALL and DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY,  
LETTERKENNY ARMY DEPOT, Chambersburg, PA

*Docket No. 02-197; Submitted on the Record;  
Issued June 3, 2002*

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DECISION and ORDER

Before DAVID S. GERSON, WILLIE T.C. THOMAS,  
A. PETER KANJORSKI

The issue is whether appellant sustained an emotional condition while in the performance of duty on August 29, 2000.

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 July 30, 2001 and finalized July 31, 2001, 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> 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). In the instant case, the hearing representative properly concluded that appellant failed to establish a compensable employment factor. Unless a claimant establishes a compensable factor of employment, it is unnecessary to address the medical evidence of record. *Garry M. Carlo*, 47 ECAB 299, 305 (1996).

The decision dated July 30, 2001 and finalized July 31, 2001 of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs is hereby affirmed.

Dated, Washington, DC  
June 3, 2002

David S. Gerson  
Alternate Member

Willie T.C. Thomas  
Alternate Member

A. Peter Kanjorski  
Alternate Member