

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of LEON A. CLOUTIER and U.S. POSTAL SERVICE,
POST OFFICE, Manchester, N.H.

*Docket No. 97-1284; Submitted on the Record;
Issued November 16, 1998*

DECISION and ORDER

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

The issue is whether appellant met his burden of proof to establish that he sustained a back 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 decision of the hearing representative of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated and finalized September 4, 1996 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 September 4, 1996 is affirmed.

Dated, Washington, D.C.
November 16, 1998

David S. Gerson
Member

Willie T.C. Thomas
Alternate Member

A. Peter Kanjorski
Alternate Member