U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

In the Matter of DIAMOND S. SHERMAN <u>and</u> DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY, INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, Richmond, VA

Docket No. 00-167; Submitted on the Record; Issued April 2, 2002

DECISION and **ORDER**

Before ALEC J. KOROMILAS, COLLEEN DUFFY KIKO, MICHAEL E. GROOM

The issue is whether appellant met his burden of proof to establish that he sustained an injury in the performance of duty on September 9, 1998.

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 finalized July 15, 1999 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 July 15, 1999 decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs is affirmed.

Dated, Washington, DC April 2, 2002

> Alec J. Koromilas Member

Colleen Duffy Kiko Member

Michael E. Groom Alternate Member