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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR VETERANS CLAIMS

No. 20-0707

THOMAS LEE KIRK, APPELLANT,

v.

ROBERT L. WILKIE,
SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, APPELLEE.

Before TOTH, *Judge*.

ORDER

*Note: Pursuant to U.S. Vet. App. R. 30(a),
this action may not be cited as precedent.*

Pro se veteran Thomas Lee Kirk filed a Notice of Appeal listing January 7, 2020, as the date of the Board decision being challenged. The Secretary timely moved to dismiss, notifying the Court that no final decision from the Board bearing that date had been issued to Mr. Kirk. The Court ordered the veteran to show cause why the appeal should not be dismissed, but the time to do so has expired without a response. The Court's jurisdiction is confined to review of final adverse Board decisions. 38 U.S.C. §§ 7252(a) and 7266(a). In the absence of such a decision, no appeal may be brought. *Cf. Urban v. Principi*, 18 Vet.App. 143, 146 (2004) (the Court lacks jurisdiction to hear an appeal directly from a regional office decision). Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the Secretary's motion is granted and this appeal is DISMISSED.

DATED: May 13, 2020

BY THE COURT:



JOSEPH L. TOTH
Judge

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