

adjudication of the issues depends on frequent cross-reference between files.¹ Upon remand, it should combine File No. xxxxxx474 with the instant case, File No. xxxxxx537. After combining the two records, OWCP should consider all relevant evidence regarding whether appellant sustained right hammertoe deformities due to factors of his federal employment as claimed. It should then issue an appropriate decision.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT the November 5 and August 1, 2012 decisions of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs be set aside and the case remanded for further proceedings consistent with this order of the Board.

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Richard J. Daschbach, Chief Judge
Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

Colleen Duffy Kiko, Judge
Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

Patricia Howard Fitzgerald, Judge
Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

¹ See Federal (FECA) Procedure Manual, Part 2 -- Claims, *File Maintenance and Management*, Chapter 2.400.8(c) (February 2000).