UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): February 8, 2017 (February 8, 2017)

FORWARD AIR CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Tennessee	000-22490	62-1120025
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
1915 Snapps Ferry Roz Greeneville, Ten		37745
(Address of principal exe	ecutive offices)	(Zip Code)
Registrant's	telephone number, including area cod Not Applicable	le: (423) 636-7000
(Former r	name or former address, if changed sin	ce last report)
Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8- any of the following provisions: Written communications pursuant to Rule 42 Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 u Pre-commencement communications pursua Pre-commencement communications pursua	25 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 23 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240 nt to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange	14a-12) ge Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

SECTION 2. FINANCIAL INFORMATION.

Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

Attached as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference is a copy of a press release, dated February 8, 2017, announcing the financial results of Forward Air Corporation for the fourth quarter and year ended December 31, 2016.

Also, attached as Exhibit 99.2 are certain historical operating statistics for each quarter ended from March 31, 2014 through December 31, 2016.

Also, attached as Exhibit 99.3 are certain summary segment results of operations statements for each quarter ended from March 31, 2014 through December 31, 2016.

The information in this Item 2.02, including Exhibit 99.1, 99.2 and 99.3 attached hereto, shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

SECTION 8. OTHER EVENTS.

Item 8.01. Other Events.

The Company's Board of Directors has declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.15 per share of common stock. The dividend is payable to the Company's shareholders of record at the close of business on March 9, 2017, and is expected to be paid on March 24, 2017.

SECTION 9. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits. The following exhibit is being furnished as part of this Report.

No.	Exhibit
99.1	Press Release of Forward Air Corporation dated February 8, 2017.
No.	Exhibit
99.2	Forward Air Corporation Historical Operating Statistics.
No.	Exhibit
99.3	Forward Air Corporation Summary Segment Results of Operations.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: February 8, 2017

FORWARD AIR CORPORATION

By: /s/ Michael J. Morris

Michael J. Morris

Chief Financial Officer, Senior Vice President and Treasurer

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FORWARD AIR CORPORATION REPORTS FOURTH QUARTER 2016 RESULTS AND QUARTERLY CASH DIVIDEND

GREENEVILLE, Tenn.- (BUSINESS WIRE) - February 08, 2017 - Forward Air Corporation (NASDAQ:FWRD) today reported operating revenue, income from operations, net income and diluted earnings per share for the fourth quarter and year ended December 31, 2016.

Operating revenue for the quarter ended December 31, 2016 increased 3.3% to \$264.8 million from \$256.4 million for the same quarter in 2015. Income from operations was \$28.2 million, compared to \$29.0 million in the prior year quarter. Net income during the period was \$12.7 million compared to \$23.2 million in the fourth quarter of 2015. Net income per diluted share for the fourth quarter of 2016 was \$0.42 compared to \$0.75 in the prior year quarter.

Fourth quarter income from operations of \$28.2 million was not adjusted, and compares to adjusted income from operations of \$30.8 million for the fourth quarter of 2015. Adjusted net income decreased to \$17.7 million during the fourth quarter of 2016 from \$19.0 million in the prior year quarter. Similarly, adjusted earnings per diluted share for the fourth quarter of 2016 decreased to \$0.58 compared to \$0.61 in the prior year quarter. A tabular reconciliation of non-GAAP financial measures to reported results prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States ("GAAP") is contained in the financial summary statements attached to this press release.

Bruce A. Campbell, Chairman, President, and CEO, commenting on the fourth quarter results said, "Our fourth quarter results were slightly ahead of our guidance, which reflected one less operating day in the current year quarter. Our Expedited LTL group continued to improve its linehaul and dock efficiencies despite the seasonally busy fourth quarter. Truckload Premium Services grew its revenue but incurred higher broker utilization as it on-boarded new business. Our Intermodal group performed well amid margin pressure reflecting the integration of Triumph, while our Pool Distribution segment did a great job ramping up its recent new business wins."

In closing Mr. Campbell said, "As we end 2016, I would like to thank all of our employees and independent contractors for their hard work during a sluggish year for freight. With the improvements we have made within each of our business units, we are well positioned for any pick-up in 2017 freight volumes."

Commenting on the Company's first quarter 2017 guidance, Michael J. Morris, Senior Vice President and CFO, said, "We expect first quarter year-on-year revenue growth to be up 4% to 8%. We expect net income per diluted share to be between \$0.38 and \$0.42, compared to \$0.43 in the prior year quarter. We do not anticipate making any non-GAAP adjustments to our first quarter 2017 net income per diluted share results, nor were there any in the prior year quarter." Supplemental 2017 guidance information is contained in the financial summary statements attached to this press release.

On February 7, 2017, our Board of Directors declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.15 per share of common stock. The dividend is payable to shareholders of record at the close of business on March 9, 2017, and is expected to be paid on March 24, 2017.

This quarterly dividend is pursuant to a cash dividend policy approved by the Board of Directors, which anticipates a total annual dividend of \$0.60 per share of common stock, payable in quarterly increments of \$0.15 per share of common stock. The actual declaration of future cash dividends, and the establishment of record and payment dates, is subject to final determination by the Board of Directors each quarter after its review of the Company's financial performance.

Review of Financial Results

Forward Air will hold a conference call to discuss fourth quarter 2016 results on Thursday, February 9, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. EST. The Company's conference call will be available online at www.forwardaircorp.com or by dialing (800) 230-1074. A replay of the conference call will be available at www.forwardaircorp.com beginning shortly after the completion of the live call.

About Forward Air Corporation

Forward Air Corporation's ("the Company", "we", "our") services are classified into four principal reportable segments: Expedited LTL, Truckload Premium Services ("TLS"), Intermodal and Pool Distribution.

In our Expedited LTL segment, we provide time-definite transportation services to the North American deferred air freight market. Our Expedited LTL service operates a comprehensive national network for the time-definite surface transportation of expedited ground freight. The Expedited LTL service offers customers local pick-up and delivery and scheduled surface transportation of cargo as a cost effective, reliable alternative to air transportation. Expedited LTL's other services include shipment consolidation and deconsolidation, warehousing, customs brokerage, and other handling. The Expedited LTL segment primarily provides its transportation services through a network of terminals located at or near airports in the United States and Canada.

In our TLS segment, we provide expedited truckload brokerage, dedicated fleet services and maximum security and temperature-controlled logistics services. We are able to expedite this service by utilizing a dedicated fleet of team owner operators, some team company drivers as well as third party transportation providers. The TLS segment provides full truckload service in the United States and Canada.

In our Intermodal segment, we provide container and intermodal drayage services primarily within the Midwest region of the United States. Drayage is essentially the first and last mile of the movement of an intermodal container. We are providing this service both to and from ports and rail heads. Our Intermodal segment also provides dedicated contract and Container Freight Station ("CFS") warehouse and handling services.

In our Pool Distribution segment, we provide pool distribution services throughout the Mid-Atlantic, Southeast, Midwest and Southwest continental United States. Pool Distribution involves managing high-frequency handling and distribution of time-sensitive product to numerous destinations in specific geographic regions. Our primary customers for this service are regional and nationwide distributors and retailers, such as mall, strip mall and outlet based retail chains.

Forward Air Corporation Consolidated Statements of Income (In thousands, except per share data) (Unaudited)

	Three months ended				Year ended			
	Dec	ember 31, 2016	D	ecember 31, 2015	D	ecember 31, 2016	Dec	eember 31, 2015
Operating revenue:								
Expedited LTL	\$	147,368	\$	149,748	\$	570,778	\$	577,026
Truckload Premium Services		44,003		40,937		164,272		153,331
Pool Distribution		47,507		42,954		148,661		129,995
Intermodal		27,279		24,881		103,671		104,292
Eliminations and other operations		(1,364)		(2,100)		(4,852)		(5,519)
Operating revenue		264,793		256,420		982,530		959,125
Operating expenses:								
Purchased transportation		112,572		107,516		413,355		408,769
Salaries, wages and employee benefits		66,145		65,789		242,002		240,604
Operating leases		15,808		15,167		60,492		66,272
Depreciation and amortization		9,801		9,556		38,210		37,157
Insurance and claims		6,180		4,951		25,392		21,483
Fuel expense		3,857		3,869		13,233		15,903
Other operating expenses		22,207		20,557		87,425		87,165
Impairment of goodwill, intangibles and other assets		_		_		42,442		_
Total operating expenses		236,570	_	227,405		922,551		877,353
Operating income (loss):		,						,
Expedited LTL		20,492		21,918		83,518		79,193
Truckload Premium Services		1,273		2,767		(35,405)		13,288
Pool Distribution		3,824		3,062		3,633		3,820
Intermodal		2,786		3,106		10,956		11,949
Other operations		(152)		(1,838)		(2,723)		(26,478)
Income from operations		28,223		29,015		59,979		81,772
Other income (expense):								
Interest expense		(366)		(558)		(1,597)		(2,047)
Other, net		152		68		4		(58)
Total other income (expense)		(214)	_	(490)	_	(1,593)		(2,105)
Income before income taxes		28,009	_	28,525		58,386		79,667
Income tax expense		15,303		5,297		30,716		24,092
Net income and comprehensive income	\$	12,706	\$	23,228	\$	27,670	\$	55,575
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Net income per share:	ø	0.42	Φ	0.75	¢	0.01	r	1 00
Basic	\$	0.42	\$	0.75	\$	0.91		1.80
Diluted	\$	0.42	\$	0.75	\$	0.90	\$	1.78
Dividends per share:	\$	0.15	\$	0.12	\$	0.51	\$	0.48

Expedited LTL Segment Information (In millions) (Unaudited)

Three months ended December 31, Percent of December 31, Percent of Percent 2016 Revenue 2015 Revenue Change Change \$ Operating revenue 147.4 100.0% \$ 149.7 100.0% \$ (2.3)(1.5)% Operating expenses: Purchased transportation 59.6 40.4 61.9 41.3 (2.3) (3.7) 24.7 25.3 Salaries, wages and employee benefits 36.4 37.8 (1.4)(3.7)Operating leases 8.9 6.1 8.1 5.4 0.8 9.9 Depreciation and amortization 5.6 3.8 5.4 3.6 0.2 3.7 3.1 2.1 2.2 0.9 40.9 Insurance and claims 1.5 Fuel expense 0.9 0.6 0.9 0.6 0.9 Other operating expenses 12.4 8.4 11.5 7.7 7.8 126.9 86.1 127.8 Total operating expenses 85.4 (0.9)(0.7)20.5 13.9% 21.9 14.6% (1.4) (6.4)% Income from operations

Expedited	LTL	Operating	Statistics
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	Three months ended						
	D	ecember 31, 2016		December 31, 2015	Percent Change		
Operating ratio		86.1%)	85.4%	0.8 %		
Business days		63.0		64.0	(1.6)		
Business weeks		12.6		12.8	(1.6)		
Expedited LTL:							
Tonnage							
Total pounds 1		612,098		621,178	(1.5)		
Average weekly pounds 1		48,579		48,530	0.1		
Linehaul shipments							
Total linehaul		1,006,256		1,015,043	(0.9)		
Average weekly		79,862		79,300	0.7		
Forward Air Complete shipments		202,452		198,894	1.8		
As a percentage of linehaul shipments		20.1%)	19.6%	2.6		
Average linehaul shipment size		608		612	(0.7)		
Revenue per pound 2							
Linehaul yield	\$	17.40	\$	17.70	(1.4)		
Fuel surcharge		1.02		0.98	0.2		
Forward Air Complete		3.45		3.22	1.1		
Total Expedited LTL yield	\$	21.87	\$	21.90	(0.1)%		

^{1 -} In thousands

^{2 -} In dollars per hundred pound; percentage change is expressed as a percent of total yield.

Truckload Premium Services Segment Information (In millions) (Unaudited)

hree	months	ended

		ember 31,	Percent of	December 31,	Percent of		Percent	
		2016	Revenue	2015	Revenue	Change	Change	
Operating revenue	\$	44.0	100.0%	\$ 40.9	100.0%	\$ 3.1	7.6 %	
Operating expenses:								
Purchased transportation		31.7	72.1	27.6	67.5	4.1	14.9	
Salaries, wages and employee benefits		4.9	11.1	5.2	12.7	(0.3)	(5.8)	
Operating leases		0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	_	_	
Depreciation and amortization		1.5	3.4	1.7	4.2	(0.2)	(11.8)	
Insurance and claims		1.9	4.3	0.7	1.7	1.2	171.4	
Fuel expense		0.7	1.6	0.8	2.0	(0.1)	(12.5)	
Other operating expenses		1.9	4.3	2.0	4.9	(0.1)	(5.0)	
Total operating expenses		42.7	97.0	38.1	93.2	4.6	12.1	
Income from operations	\$	1.3	3.0%	\$ 2.8	6.8%	\$ (1.5)	(53.6)%	

Truckload Premium Services Operating Statistics

			Three months er	ıded
	Decembe	December 31,		Percent
	2010	6	2015	Change
Company driver ¹		1,665	1,900	0 (12.4)%
Owner operator ¹	1	12,702	11,96	
Third party ¹		9,455	7,430	5 27.2
Total Miles		23,822	21,303	3 11.8
Revenue per mile	\$	1.80	\$ 1.8	7 (3.7)
Cost per mile	\$	1.42	\$ 1.40	0 1.4 %
¹ - In thousands				

Pool Distribution Segment Information (In millions) (Unaudited)

Three months ended

	Dec	ember 31, 2016	Percent of Revenue	December 31, 2015	Percent of Revenue	Change	Percent Change
Operating revenue	\$	47.5	100.0%	\$ 43.0	100.0%	\$ 4.5	10.5%
Operating expenses:							
Purchased transportation		12.5	26.3	11.2	26.0	1.3	11.6
Salaries, wages and employee benefits		17.8	37.5	16.0	37.2	1.8	11.3
Operating leases		3.5	7.4	3.4	7.9	0.1	2.9
Depreciation and amortization		1.5	3.1	1.5	3.5	_	_
Insurance and claims		1.2	2.5	1.1	2.6	0.1	9.1
Fuel expense		1.6	3.4	1.5	3.5	0.1	6.7
Other operating expenses		5.6	11.8	5.2	12.1	0.4	7.7
Total operating expenses		43.7	92.0	39.9	92.8	3.8	9.5
Income from operations	\$	3.8	8.0%	\$ 3.1	7.2%	\$ 0.7	22.6%

Intermodal Segment Information (In millions) (Unaudited)

Three months ended

	Dece	mber 31,	Percent of	December 31,	Percent of		Percent
		2016	Revenue	2015	Revenue	Change	Change
Operating revenue	\$	27.3	100.0%	\$ 24.9	100.0%	\$ 2.4	9.6 %
Operating expenses:							
Purchased transportation		9.7	35.5	8.3	33.3	1.4	16.9
Salaries, wages and employee benefits		6.6	24.2	6.1	24.5	0.5	8.2
Operating leases		2.8	10.3	3.0	12.1	(0.2)	(6.7)
Depreciation and amortization		1.1	4.0	0.9	3.6	0.2	22.2
Insurance and claims		0.8	2.9	0.6	2.4	0.2	33.3
Fuel expense		0.7	2.6	0.7	2.8	_	_
Other operating expenses		2.8	10.3	2.2	8.8	0.6	27.3
Total operating expenses		24.5	89.7	21.8	87.5	2.7	12.4
Income from operations	\$	2.8	10.3%	\$ 3.1	12.5%	\$ (0.3)	(9.7)%

Forward Air Corporation Consolidated Balance Sheets (In thousands) (Unaudited)

(Unaudited)	Dec	eember 31, 2016		cember 31, 2015 (a)
Assets				
Current assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	8,511	\$	33,312
Accounts receivable, net		116,602		109,165
Other current assets		11,157		30,980
Total current assets		136,270		173,457
Property and equipment		379,021		343,147
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization		178,816		155,859
Net property and equipment		200,205		187,288
Goodwill and other acquired intangibles:				
Goodwill		184,675		205,609
Other acquired intangibles, net of accumulated amortization		106,650		127,800
Total net goodwill and other acquired intangibles		291,325		333,409
Other assets		13,491		5,778
Total assets	\$	641,291	\$	699,932
Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity Current liabilities:				
Accounts payable	\$	18,012	\$	23,334
Accrued expenses	Ψ	31,903	Ψ	29,823
Current portion of debt and capital lease obligations		28,012		55,887
Total current liabilities		77,927		109,044
Debt and capital lease obligations, less current portion		725		28,617
Other long-term liabilities		21,699		12,340
Deferred income taxes		41,871		39,876
Shareholders' equity:				
Common stock		301		305
Additional paid-in capital		179,512		160,855
Retained earnings		319,256		348,895
Total shareholders' equity		499,069		510,055
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$	641,291	\$	699,932

⁽a) Taken from audited financial statements, which are not presented in their entirety and have been adjusted to reflect reclassifications associated with the early adoption of a new accounting standard.

Forward Air Corporation Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (In thousands) (Unaudited)

		Three mon	ths ended
	Dec	eember 31, 2016	December 31, 2015
Operating activities:			
Net income	\$	12,706	\$ 23,228
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities	es		
Depreciation and amortization		9,801	9,556
Share-based compensation		2,130	1,924
Loss (gain) on disposal of property and equipment		90	(178)
Provision for recovery on receivables		(10)	(430)
Provision for revenue adjustments		450	1,402
Deferred income taxes		2,864	8,985
Tax benefit for stock options exercised		(1,595)	(3,048)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities			
Accounts receivable		(1,715)	4,537
Prepaid expenses and other assets		7,377	(12,274)
Accounts payable and accrued expenses		3,644	(5,295)
Net cash provided by operating activities		35,742	28,407
Investing activities:			
Proceeds from disposal of property and equipment		134	520
Purchases of property and equipment		(13,461)	(21,954
Acquisition of business		_	497
Other		337	(164)
Net cash used in investing activities		(12,990)	(21,101)
Financing activities:			
Payments of debt and capital lease obligations		(13,943)	(13,985)
Proceeds from exercise of stock options		1,107	2,962
Payments of cash dividends		(4,542)	(3,688
Repurchase of common stock (repurchase program)		(9,997)	(9,996
Common stock issued under employee stock purchase plan		227	221
Tax benefit for stock options exercised		1,595	3,048
Net cash used in by financing activities		(25,553)	(21,438
Net decrease in cash		(2,801)	(14,132
Cash at beginning of period		11,312	47,444
Cash at end of period	\$		\$ 33,312

Forward Air Corporation Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (In thousands) (Unaudited)

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Forward Air Corporation Reconciliation of U.S. GAAP and Non-GAAP Financial Measures

The Company reports its financial results in accordance with GAAP (also referred to herein as "reported"). However, the Company also uses "non-GAAP financial measures" that are derived on the basis of methodologies other than in accordance with GAAP. Specifically, the Company believes that meaningful analysis of its financial performance in 2016 and 2015 requires an understanding of the factors underlying that performance, including an understanding of items that are non-operational and related to our acquisition activity. Management uses these non-GAAP financial measures in making financial, operating, compensation and planning decisions and in evaluating the Company's performance.

This press release contains the following non-GAAP financial measures: adjusted income from operations, adjusted net income, adjusted earnings per diluted share, adjusted effective income tax rate and guidance with respect to adjusted net income per diluted share. These measures exclude intangible asset impairment costs and tax ramifications related to TQI for the three months and year ended December 31, 2016, integration costs related to the acquisition of CLP Towne Inc. and tax benefits in 2015 from amending prior year returns from our results for all periods reconciled below for 2015. The Company believes that excluding these items will assist investors in understanding our core operating performance and allow for more accurate comparisons of results.

Non-GAAP financial measures should be viewed in addition to, and not as an alternative for, the Company's reported results prepared in accordance with GAAP. Our non-GAAP financial information does not represent a comprehensive basis of accounting. As required by the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, the tables below present, for the periods indicated, a reconciliation of our presented non-GAAP financial measures to the most directly comparable GAAP financial measures.

Forward Air Corporation Reconciliation to U.S. GAAP (In millions, except per share data) (Unaudited)

Reported (GAAP)
Items impacting comparability:
Impact of TQI impairment on income taxes
After considering items (Non-GAAP)

	Three months ended December 31, 2016										
_	erating ncome	Other, Net	Income before taxes	I	Income taxes	Effective tax rate	I	Net ncome	ea	Diluted arnings er share	
\$	28.2	\$ (0.2)) \$ 28.0	\$	15.3	54.6%	\$	12.7	\$	0.42	
	_	_	_		(5.0)	17.8%		5.0		0.16	
\$	28.2	\$ (0.2))\$ 28.0	\$	10.3	36.8%	\$	17.7	\$	0.58	

Three months ended December 31, 2015

	erating come	Other, Net	Income before taxes	Income taxes	Effective tax rate	Net Income	Diluted earnings per share
Reported (GAAP)	\$ 29.0 \$	(0.5)	\$ 28.5	\$ 5.3	18.6%	\$ 23.2	\$ 0.75
Items impacting comparability:							
Certain tax matters ¹	1.2	_	1.2	5.8	18.8%	(4.6)	(0.15)
Integrations and deal costs	0.6	_	0.6	0.2	%	0.4	0.01
After considering items (Non-GAAP)	\$ 30.8 \$	(0.5) 5	\$ 30.3	\$ 11.3	37.4%	\$ 19.0	\$ 0.61

¹ - Certain tax matters related to technology-related permanent tax deductions in 2015 which were not identified as non-GAAP adjustments at that time, but which are adjusted here for consistency and comparison purposes.

Forward Air Corporation Reconciliation to U.S. GAAP (In millions, except per share data) (Unaudited)

Reported (GAAP)
Items impacting comparability:
TQI impairment
After considering items (Non-GAAP)

	Year ended December 31, 2016											
•	perating ncome		Other, Net	1	ncome before taxes	I	ncome taxes	Effective tax rate	I	Net ncome		Diluted earnings per share
\$	60.0	\$	(1.6)	\$	58.4	\$	30.7	52.6%	\$	27.7	\$	0.90
	42.4		_		42.4		6.4	15.8%		36.0		1.18
\$	102.4	\$	(1.6)	\$	100.8	\$	37.1	36.8%	\$	63.7	\$	2.08

	7	Year ende	ed Decem	ber 31, 2015	5	
perating ncome	Other, Net	Income before taxes	Income taxes	Effective tax rate	Net Income	Diluted earnings per share
\$ 81.8 \$	(2.1) \$	79.7	\$ 24.1	30.2%	\$ 55.6	\$ 1.78
1.2		1.2	6.9	7.2%	(5.7)) (0.18)
 23.1	0.4	23.5	8.8	%	14.7	0.47
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Reported (GAAP) Items impacting comparability: Certain tax matters ¹ Integrations and deal costs After considering items (Non-GAAP)

¹ - Certain tax matters related to technology-related permanent tax deductions in 2015 which were not identified as non-GAAP adjustments at that time, but which are adjusted here for consistency and comparison purposes.

The following table summarizes supplemental full year 2017 guidance information that management believes to be useful.

Forward Air Corporation Additional Guidance Data (In thousands) (Unaudited)

	2017
Projected tax rate	37.0%
Projected year end fully diluted share count (before consideration of future share repurchases)	30,500
Projected capital expenditures, net	\$ 45,904

Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

This press release contains "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the safe harbor provisions of the U.S. Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements can be identified by words such as: "anticipate," "intend," "plan," "goal," "seek," "believe," "project," "estimate," "expect," "strategy," "future," "likely," "may," "should," "will" and similar references to future periods. Examples of forward-looking statements include, among others, statements we make regarding expected operating results, such as revenue growth and earnings, and guidance relating to net income per diluted share for the first quarter, projected tax rate, diluted share count and capital expenditures for full year 2017, and anticipated total dividends in 2017.

Forward-looking statements are neither historical facts nor assurances of future performance. Instead, they are based only on our current beliefs, expectations and assumptions regarding the future of our business, future plans and strategies, projections, anticipated events and trends, the economy and other future conditions. Because forward-looking statements relate to the future, they are subject to inherent uncertainties, risks and changes in circumstances that are difficult to predict and many of which are outside of our control. Our actual results and financial condition may differ materially from those indicated in the forwardlooking statements. Therefore, you should not rely on any of these forward-looking statements. Important factors that could cause our actual results and financial condition to differ materially from those indicated in the forward-looking statements include, among others, the following: economic factors such as recessions, inflation, higher interest rates and downturns in customer business cycles, our inability to maintain our historical growth rate because of a decreased volume of freight moving through our network or decreased average revenue per pound of freight moving through our network, increasing competition and pricing pressure, surplus inventories, loss of a major customer, the creditworthiness of our customers and their ability to pay for services rendered, our ability to secure terminal facilities in desirable locations at reasonable rates, the inability of our information systems to handle an increased volume of freight moving through our network, changes in fuel prices, claims for property damage, personal injuries or workers' compensation, employment matters including rising health care costs, enforcement of and changes in governmental regulations, environmental and tax matters, the handling of hazardous materials, the availability and compensation of qualified independent owner-operators and freight handlers needed to serve our transportation needs, our inability to successfully integrate acquisitions and the risks described in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015.

Any forward-looking statement made by us in this press release is based only on information currently available to us and speaks only as of the date on which it is made. We undertake no obligation to publicly update any forward-looking statement, whether written or oral, that may be made from time to time, whether as a result of new information, future developments or otherwise.

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	March 31	June 30	September 30	December 31	Average
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Expedited LTL					
Average linehaul pounds per week (1)					
(in thousands)	35,057	36,965	37,877	39,883	37,445
Number of terminals - Company-operated	66	66	66	66	66
Number of terminals - agent	22	22	22	22	22
Number of terminals - total	88	88	88	88	88
Average tractors - Company	230	222	217	210	220
Average leased tractors - Company	1	1	1	1	1
Average leased straight trucks - Company	1	1	1	1	1
Average tractors - owner-operator	753	789	781	769	773
Average tractors - total	985	1,013	1,000	981	995
Average trailers	3,114	3,481	3,479	3,479	3,388
Pool Distribution					
Number of terminals - Company-operated	19	19	19	21	20
Number of terminals - agent	5	5	5	8	(
Number of terminals - total	24	24	24	29	26
Average tractors - Company	57	57	60	61	59
Average leased tractors - Company	2	_	4	4	3
Average straight trucks & vans - Company	162	162	161	158	161
Average leased straight trucks - Company	21	18	17	16	18
Average tractors - owner-operator	88	82	84	85	8:
Average straight trucks & vans - owner-operator	74	69	78	91	78
Average tractors - total	404	388	404	415	404
Average trailers	126	126	126	126	126
Fruckload Premium Services					
Average tractors - Company	77	77	74	70	75
Average tractors - owner-operator	194	171	169	161	174
Average tractors - total	271	248	243	231	248
Average trailers	92	114	119	119	111
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⁽¹⁾ Includes pounds associated with linehaul shipments only.

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		March 31 June 30 September 30 December 31 41,262 50,803 48,208 48,530 74 74 73 72							
	March 31	June 30	September 30	December 31	Average				
Expedited LTL									
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Average linehaul pounds per week (1) (in thousands)	41.262	50.902	19 209	19.520	47,2				
,	,	,	,	,	47,2				
Number of terminals - Company-operated				19					
Number of terminals - agent	17	17	17						
Number of terminals - total	91	91	90	91	2				
Average tractors - Company	307	271	265	332	2:				
Average leased tractors - Company	72	73	73	66					
Average leased straight trucks - Company	22	22	22	19	1.1				
Average tractors - owner-operator	1,344	1,145	1,090	1,030	1,1				
Average tractors - total	1,745	1,511	1,450	1,447	1,5				
Average trailers	3,731	3,669	3,660	3,924	3,7				
Average leased trailers	1,057	1,012	1,015	1,089	1,0				
Average trailers - total	4,788	4,681	4,675	5,013	4,7				
ool Distribution									
Number of terminals - Company-operated	19	20	20	20					
Number of terminals - agent	10	9	9	9					
Number of terminals - total	29	29	29	29					
Average tractors - Company	65	62	62	64					
Average leased tractors - Company	<u> </u>	_	7	45					
Average straight trucks & vans - Company	156	180	177	159	1				
Average leased straight trucks - Company	15	16	24	23					
Average tractors - owner-operator	91	87	82	104					
Average straight trucks & vans - owner-operator	81	100	118	126	1				
Average tractors - total	408	445	470	521	4				
Average trailers	126	126	126	73	1				
ruckload Premium Services			0.4						
Average tractors - Company	83	72	84	84					
Average tractors - owner-operator	242	298	378	395	3				
Average tractors - total	325	370	462	479	4				
Average trailers	96	122	122	119	1				

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			2016		
	March 31	June 30	September 30	December 31	Average
Expedited LTL					
Average linehaul pounds per week (1)					
(in thousands)	44.041	47,346	46.010	48,579	46,486
Number of terminals - Company-operated	72	72	72	72	72
Number of terminals - company-operated Number of terminals - agent	19	19	19	19	19
Number of terminals - agent	91	91	91	91	91
Average tractors - Company	330	294	277	244	286
2 1 3	62	30	30	32	39
Average leased tractors - Company	17	1	1	1	5
Average leased straight trucks - Company Average tractors - owner-operator	1,020	989	960	958	982
	1,429			1.235	
Average tractors - total	, -	1,314	1,268	,	1,312
Average trailers	4,103	4,248	4,670	4,678	4,425
Average leased trailers	1,012	1,011	1,059	818	975
Average trailers - total	5,115	5,259	5,729	5,496	5,400
Pool Distribution					
Number of terminals - Company-operated	20	19	19	19	19
Number of terminals - agent	9	9	9	9	9
Number of terminals - total	29	28	28	28	28
Average tractors - Company	64	67	67	67	66
Average leased tractors - Company	45	19	30	29	31
Average straight trucks & vans - Company	151	146	142	140	145
Average leased straight trucks - Company	23	72	78	79	63
Average tractors - owner-operator	91	84	84	89	87
Average straight trucks & vans - owner-operator	118	118	141	152	132
Average tractors - total	492	506	542	556	524
Average trailers	73	73	73	73	73
Truckload Premium Services					
Average tractors - Company	84	84	83	83	84
Average tractors - owner-operator	360	329	336	314	335
Average tractors - total	444	413	419	397	419
Average trailers	119	97	121	121	115
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			Th	ree	months en	ded	March 31	, 201	4		
	Expedited LTL	Premi	Truckload Premium Services		Pool stribution	Intermodal		an	ninations id other erations	Co	nsolidated
Revenue	\$ 104,324	\$ 29	,914	\$	25,926	\$	12,406	\$	(1,001)	\$	171,569
Purchased transportation	42,676	20	,243		7,122		4,317		(807)		73,551
Salaries, wages, and	,				,		,		44		,
employee benefits Operating leases	25,281 4,986	3	,834 130		9,340 2,477		2,923 758		— —		41,422 8,351
Depreciation and amortization	3,851	1	,194		1,284		681		3		7,013
Insurance and claims	2,469	•	605		785		268		_		4,127
Fuel expense	1,108	1	,155		1,755		788		_		4,806
Other operating expenses	8,734	1	,351		3,565		2,558		(180)		16,028
Total operating expenses	89,105	28	,512		26,328		12,293		(940)		155,298
Income from operations	\$ 15,219	\$ 1	,402	\$	(402)	\$	113	\$	(61)	\$	16,271

		1	Three months e	nded June 30,	2014	
	Expedited LTL	Truckload Premium Services	Pool Distribution	Intermodal	Eliminations and other operations	Consolidated
Revenue	\$ 115,213	\$ 34,266	\$ 25,390	\$ 20,014	\$ (1,031)	\$ 193,852
Purchased transportation	46,853	23,240	6,594	6,921	(774)	82,834
Salaries, wages, and employee benefits	26,317	4,111	9,261	4,664	38	44,391
Operating leases	4,822	81	2,000	1,262	_	8,165
Depreciation and amortization	4,129	1,380	1,422	817	3	7,751
Insurance and claims	1,714	467	518	405	_	3,104
Fuel expense	1,059	1,195	1,754	1,164	_	5,172
Other operating expenses	8,182	1,356	3,160	2,387	(245)	14,840
Total operating expenses	93,076	31,830	24,709	17,620	(978)	166,257
Income from operations	\$ 22,137	\$ 2,436	\$ 681	\$ 2,394	\$ (53)	\$ 27,595

			Thre	ee m	onths end	ed S	eptember	30, 2	2014		
	Expedited LTL	1		Pool Distribution		Intermodal		Eliminations and other operations		Co	onsolidated
Revenue	\$ 119,000	\$	33,728	\$	28,812	\$	21,189	\$	(1,252)	\$	201,477
Purchased transportation	49,873		22,475		7,482		6,880		(836)		85,874
Salaries, wages, and	42,073		22,473		7,402		0,000		(830)		03,074
employee benefits	26,208		4,105		10,295		5,008		35		45,651
Operating leases	4,976		70		2,007		1,450		_		8,503
Depreciation and									_		
amortization	4,358		1,400		1,470		884		3		8,115
Insurance and claims	2,278		472		451		546		_		3,747
Fuel expense	944		1,101		1,765		1,202		_		5,012
Other operating expenses	9,690		1,476		4,004		2,899		(400)		17,669
Total operating expenses	98,327		31,099		27,474		18,869		(1,198)		174,571
Income from operations	\$ 20,673	\$	2,629	\$	1,338	\$	2,320	\$	(54)	\$	26,906

			Thr	ee m	onths end	ed D	December :	31, 2	014		
	Expedited LTL		Truckload Premium Services		Pool stribution	Intermodal		a	minations nd other perations	Co	onsolidated
Revenue	\$ 120,364	\$	35,360	\$	38,130	\$	22,338	\$	(2,130)	\$	214,062
Purchased transportation	52,601		24,255		10,154		6,898		(1,591)		92,317
Salaries, wages, and employee benefits	28,150		4,049		12,924		5,427		91		50,641
Operating leases	5,022		93		2,473		1,386		1		8,975
Depreciation and amortization	4,316		1,393		1,539		1,000		6		8,254
	,										
Insurance and claims	2,325		589		1,353		489		2		4,758
Fuel expense	944		1,023		2,021		1,170		_		5,158
Other operating expenses	9,280		1,437		4,742		3,368		(503)		18,324
Total operating expenses	102,638		32,839		35,206		19,738		(1,994)		188,427
Income from operations	\$ 17,726	\$	2,521	\$	2,924	\$	2,600	\$	(136)	\$	25,635

				Tł	ree	months en	ded	March 31,	201	5		
	Expedited LTL		Truckload Premium Services		Pool Distribution		Intermodal		Eliminations and other operations		Co	nsolidated
Revenue	\$	122,207	\$	34,472	\$	27,224	\$	23,027	\$	(1,012)	\$	205,918
Purchased transportation		52,853		22,614		7,469		7,063		(662)		89,337
Salaries, wages, and employee benefits		30,322		4,423		10,100		5,934		3,124		53,903
Operating leases		5,918		92		2,086		2,528		5,132		15,756
Depreciation and amortization		4,741		1,410		1,557		967		9		8,684
Insurance and claims		2,820		539		875		586		310		5,130
Fuel expense		935		894		1,286		901		4		4,020
Other operating expenses		9,733		1,289		3,635		3,059		3,123		20,839
Total operating expenses		107,322		31,261		27,008		21,038		11,040		197,669
Income from operations	\$	14,885	\$	3,211	\$	216	\$	1,989	\$	(12,052)	\$	8,249

				Т	hre	e months e	nde	d June 30,	2015			
	E	xpedited LTL	P	ruckload remium Services	Pool Distribution		Intermodal		Eliminations and other operations		Co	nsolidated
Revenue	\$	155,858	\$	39,395	\$	27,684	\$	27,494	\$	(737)	\$	249,694
Purchased transportation		66,006		25,298		7,549		8,965		(336)		107,482
Salaries, wages, and employee benefits		39,335		4,715		10,575		6,187		1,074		61,886
Operating leases		8,368		83		2,120		2,898		4,808		18,277
Depreciation and amortization		5,563		1,513		1,485		948		10		9,519
Insurance and claims		2,419		852		926		675		1,368		6,240
Fuel expense		1,134		895		1,284		869		6		4,188
Other operating expenses		12,237		1,898		3,758		3,634		667		22,194
Total operating expenses		135,062		35,254		27,697		24,176		7,597		229,786
Income from operations	\$	20,796	\$	4,141	\$	(13)	\$	3,318	\$	(8,334)	\$	19,908

				Thr	ee m	onths end	ed S	eptember 3	30, 20	15		
	E	xpedited LTL	P	ruckload remium Services	Pool Distribution		Intermodal		Eliminations and other operations		Co	nsolidated
Revenue	\$	149,212	\$	38,528	\$	32,133	\$	28,890	\$	(1,670)	\$	247,093
Purchased transportation		61,723		25,541		8,783		9,414		(1,027)		104,434
Salaries, wages, and employee benefits		35,735		4,701		12,171		6,189		229		59,025
Operating leases		8,374		205		2,560		3,308		2,625		17,072
Depreciation and												
amortization		5,403		1,590		1,451		939		16		9,399
Insurance and claims		2,601		791		879		684		206		5,161
Fuel expense		1,001		783		1,315		727		_		3,826
Other operating expenses		12,781		1,747		4,419		4,093		535		23,575
Total operating expenses		127,618		35,358		31,578		25,354		2,584		222,492
Income from operations	\$	21,594	\$	3,170	\$	555	\$	3,536	\$	(4,254)	\$	24,601

				Thr	ee m	onths end	ed D	ecember 3	31, 20	15		
	E	xpedited LTL	P	ruckload remium Services	Pool Distribution		Int	termodal	aı	minations nd other perations	Co	onsolidated
Revenue	\$	149,748	\$	40,937	\$	42,954	\$	24,881	\$	(2,100)	\$	256,420
Purchased transportation		61,908		27,570		11,213		8,314		(1,489)		107,516
Salaries, wages, and employee benefits		37,847		5,240		15,966		6,085		651		65,789
Operating leases		8,095		153		3,443		3,026		450		15,167
Depreciation and						·		•				,
amortization		5,417		1,693		1,511		919		16		9,556
Insurance and claims		2,215		691		1,067		618		360		4,951
Fuel expense		881		774		1,532		682		_		3,869
Other operating expenses		11,467		2,049		5,160		2,131		(250)		20,557
Total operating expenses		127,830		38,170		39,892		21,775		(262)		227,405
Income from operations	\$	21,918	\$	2,767	\$	3,062	\$	3,106	\$	(1,838)	\$	29,015

	Three months ended March 31, 2016										
	Expedited LTL	Truckload Premium Services		Pool Distribution		Intermodal		Eliminations and other operations		Consolidated	
Revenue	\$ 134,379	\$	38,620	\$	33,192	\$	24,624	\$	(1,266)	\$	229,549
Purchased transportation	53,441		26,561		8,877		8,433		(836)		96,476
Salaries, wages, and employee benefits	34,884		4,972		12,707		5,989		126		58,678
Operating leases	8,038		78		2,880		3,008		(136)		13,868
Depreciation and amortization	5,531		1,750		1,497		890				9,668
Insurance and claims	2,768		865		1,165		868		(271)		5,395
Fuel expense	720		626		1,022		593		_		2,961
Other operating expenses	11,913		2,203		4,930		2,471		(419)		21,098
Total operating expenses	117,295		37,055		33,078		22,252		(1,536)		208,144
Income from operations	\$ 17,084	\$	1,565	\$	114	\$	2,372	\$	270	\$	21,405

	Three months ended June 30, 2016									
	Expedited LTL	Truckload Premium Services	Pool Distribution	Intermodal	Eliminations and other operations	Consolidated				
Revenue	\$ 144,693	\$ 39,440	\$ 31,525	\$ 24,189	\$ (1,210)	\$ 238,637				
Purchased transportation	55,744	27,364	8,590	8,401	(832)	99,267				
Salaries, wages, and employee benefits	33,942	4,530	11,935	6,045	566	57,018				
Operating leases	8,490	103	3,059	2,943	6	14,601				
Depreciation and amortization	5,278	1,724	1,464	875	_	9,341				
Insurance and claims	3,367	994	975	528	784	6,648				
Fuel expense	814	565	1,073	547	_	2,999				
Other operating expenses	12,137	2,000	4,800	2,093	(361)	20,669				
Impairment of goodwill, intangibles and other assets	_	42,442	_	_	_	42,442				
Total operating expenses	119,772	79,722	31,896	21,432	163	252,985				
Income from operations	\$ 24,921	\$ (40,282)	\$ (371)	\$ 2,757	\$ (1,373)	\$ (14,348)				

	Three months ended September 30, 2016										
	Expedited LTL	Truckload Premium Services		Pool Distribution		Intermodal		Eliminations and other operations		Consolidated	
Revenue	\$ 144,337	\$	42,210	\$	36,437	\$	27,579	\$	(1,011)	\$	249,552
Purchased transportation	56,332		29,754		10,087		9,708		(842)		105,039
Salaries, wages, and employee benefits	33,752		4,860		14,387		6,574		588		60,161
Operating leases	8,995		87		3,274		3,263		596		16,215
Depreciation and amortization	5,470		1,470		1,472		987		_		9,399
Insurance and claims	3,948		1,078		1,020		793		331		7,170
Fuel expense	848		684		1,216		668		_		3,416
Other operating expenses	13,978		2,239		4,915		2,545		(225)		23,452
Total operating expenses	123,323		40,172		36,371		24,538		448		224,852
Income from operations	\$ 21,014	\$	2,038	\$	66	\$	3,041	\$	(1,459)	\$	24,700

	Three months ended December 31, 2016								
	Expedited LTL	Truckload Premium Services	Pool Distribution	Intermodal	Eliminations and other operations	Consolidated			
Revenue	\$ 147,368	\$ 44,003	\$ 47,507	\$ 27,279	\$ (1,364)	\$ 264,793			
Purchased transportation	59,587	31,733	12,466	9,706	(920)	112,572			
Salaries, wages, and employee benefits	36,353	4,956	17,809	6,604	423	66,145			
Operating leases	8,907	64	3,495	2,818	524	15,808			
Depreciation and amortization	5,641	1,497	1,541	1,123	(1)	9,801			
Insurance and claims	3,106	1,867	1,221	779	(793)	6,180			
Fuel expense	923	683	1,539	712	_	3,857			
Other operating expenses	12,359	1,930	5,612	2,751	(445)	22,207			
Total operating expenses	126,876	42,730	43,683	24,493	(1,212)	236,570			
Income from operations	\$ 20,492	\$ 1,273	\$ 3,824	\$ 2,786	\$ (152)	\$ 28,223			