# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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(CUSIP Number)

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Amendment No)*
Forward Air Corp. (Name of Issuer)
Common Stock (Par Value \$.01) (Title of Class of Securities)
349853101

Check the following box if a fee is being paid with this statement []. A fee is not required only if the filing person:(1)has a previous statement on file reporting beneficial ownership of more than five percent of the class of securities described in Item 1; and (2) has filed no amendment subsequent there to reporting beneficial ownership of five percent or less of such class.)(See Rule 13d-7.)

The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not Be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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## 1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSON S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

Brown Investment Advisory & Trust Company ("BIATC"), its wholly owned subsidiary, Brown Investment Advisory Incorporated ("BAI"). 52-1811121

2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP\*
(a) []
(b) [x]

## 3. SEC USE ONLY

## 4. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Brown Investment Advisory & Trust Company and Brown Advisory Incorporated are Maryland corporations.

NUMBER OF 5 SOLE VOTING POWER BIATC 335666 shares SHARES BAI 734126 shares

1069792 shares

BENEFICIALLY 6 SHARED VOTING POWER

OWNED BY BIATC 0 shares

0 shares BAI 0 shares

EACH REPORTING 7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

BIATC 334966 shares PERSON WITH

BAI 734126 shares

1069792 shares

8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

BIATC 0 shares BAI 0 shares 0 shares

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9. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

**BIATC** 335666 shares

BAI 734126 shares

1069792 shares

10. CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES\* [ ]

11. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

**BIATC** 1.6% BAI 3.4% 5.0%

12. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*

BIATC - BK BAI - IA

\*SEE INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE FILLING OUT

Item 1. (a) NAME OF ISSUER: Forward Air Corp.

(b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices: 430 Airport Road, Greenville, TN 37745

Item 2. (a) NAME OF PERSON FILING:

Brown Investment Advisory & Trust Company ("BIATC"), its wholly owned subsidiary, Brown Investment Advisory Incorporated ("BAI").

(b) ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL BUSINESS OFFICE:

901 South Bond Street, Suite 400 Baltimore, Maryland 21231

(c) CITIZENSHIP:

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(d) TITLE OF CLASS OF SECURITIES:

Common Stock of (\$.01 par) of Forward Air Corp. (e) CUSIP Number:

349853101

Item 3. If this statement is filed pursuant to Rules 13d-1(b), or 13d-2(b), check whether the person filing is a:

For BIATC

(b) [x] Bank as defined in section 3(a)(6) of the Act

For BAI

(e) [x] Investment Adviser registered under section 203 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940

Item 4. OWNERSHIP:

(a) AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED: As of December 31, 2002

BIATC 335666 shares BAI 734126 shares 1069792 shares

(b) PERCENT OF CLASS:

BIATC 1.6% BAI 3.4% 5.0%

- (c) Number of shares as to which such person has:
- (i) sole power to vote or to direct the vote:

BIATC 335666 shares BAI 734126 shares 1069792 shares

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(ii) shared power to vote or to direct the vote:

BIATC 0 shares BAI 0 shares 0 shares

(iii) sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:

BIATC 334966 shares BAI 734126 shares 1069792 shares

(iv) shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:

BIATC 0 shares BAI 0 shares 0 shares

Item 5. OWNERSHIP OF FIVE PERCENT OR LESS OF A CLASS.

Not applicable

Item 6. OWNERSHIP OF MORE THAN FIVE PERCENT ON BEHALF OF ANOTHER PERSON.

Not applicable

Item 7. IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF THE SUBSIDIARY WHICH ACQUIRED THE SECURITY BEING REPORTED ON BY THE PARENT HOLDING COMPANY.

Not applicable

Item 8. IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF MEMBERS OF THE GROUP.

Not applicable

## Item 9. NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF GROUP.

Not applicable

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Item 10. CERTIFICATION.

By signing below I certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired for the purpose of and do not have the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of such securities and were not acquired in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having such purpose or effect.

## SIGNATURE:

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: As of December 31, 2002

Signature: Brown Investment Advisory & Trust Company

By: /S/ Sandra J. Doeller

Title: Principal

Signature: Brown Investment Advisory Incorporated

By: /S/ Sandra J. Doeller

Title: Principal