

U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
 WASHINGTON, DC 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*		2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol		6. Relationship of Reporting Person to		
Roberts, Richard H.		Forward Air Corporation (FWRD)		Issuer (Check all applicable)		
				X Director 10% Owner		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)	4. Statement for Month/Year	X Officer (give title --- below)	Other (Specify below)
430 Airport Road			September 1998	September 1998		
(Street)			5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)		Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary	
Greenville, Tennessee 37745			N/A			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check applicable line)			
			X Form filed by one Reporting Person			
			Form filed by more than one Reporting Person			

TABLE 1 -- NON-DERIVATIVE SECURITIES ACQUIRED, DISPOSED OF, OR BENEFICIALLY OWNED

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
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Common Stock				2,317*	D	N/A
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FORM 4 (CONTINUED) TABLE II -- DERIVATIVE SECURITIES ACQUIRED, DISPOSED OF, OR BENEFICIALLY OWNED (E.G., PUTS, CALLS, WARRANTS, OPTIONS, CONVERTIBLE SECURITIES)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security
Stock Option (01)	14.80	9/24/98	A V	37,500	(02) 10/31/01	Common Stock	37,500 N/A
Stock Option (01)	11.50	9/24/98	A V	12,500	(03) 1/31/06	Common Stock	12,500 N/A
Stock Option (01)	8.00	9/24/98	A V	12,500	(04) 1/31/07	Common Stock	12,500 N/A

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Stock Option (01)	37,500	D	N/A
Stock Option (01)	12,500	D	N/A
Stock Option (01)	12,500	D	N/A

Explanation of Responses:

*Includes 499 shares acquired under the Issuer's Employee Stock Purchase Plan (the "ESPP") in June 1997, 395 shares acquired under the ESPP in December 1997 and 263 shares acquired under the ESPP in June 1998.

(01) Common stock option (right to buy) awarded under the Issuer's Stock Option and Incentive Plan as adjusted in connection with the distribution by the Issuer of all of the common stock of Landair Corporation on 09/23/98.

(02) Immediately.

(03) 6,250 options are exercisable immediately and the remaining 6,250 options vest annually in 1/2 increments

beginning 02/23/99.

(04) 3,125 options are exercisable immediately and the remaining 9,375 vest annually in 1/3 increments beginning 02/07/99.

**Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. /s/ Richard H. Roberts 10/6/98
See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a). -----

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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If space provided is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

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