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FORM 10-K

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Annual Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 For the fiscal year ended December 31, 1997

OR

[] Transition Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Commission File No. 0-27754

HUB GROUP, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation of organization)

36-4007085 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

377 E. Butterfield Road, Suite 700
Lombard, Illinois 60148
(Address and zip code of principal executive offices)
(630) 271-3600
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act: None

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the Registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes X No

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of Registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K. [X]

The aggregate market value of the Registrant's voting stock held by non-affiliates on March 16, 1998, based upon the last reported sale price on that date on the NASDAQ National Market of $$27\ 1/4$$ per share, was \$189,887,537.50.

On March 20, 1998, the Registrant had 6,990,950 outstanding shares of Class A common stock, par value \$.01 per share, and 662,296 outstanding shares of Class B common stock, par value \$.01 per share.

Documents Incorporated by Reference

The Registrant's definitive Proxy Statement for the Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held on May 19, 1998, (the "Proxy Statement") is incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K to the extent stated herein. Except with respect to information specifically incorporated by reference in this Form 10-K, the Proxy Statement is not deemed to be filed as a part hereof.

General

Hub Group, Inc. ("Hub Group" or the "Company") is a Delaware corporation which was incorporated on March 8, 1995. Since its founding as an intermodal marketing company ("IMC") in 1971, Hub Group has grown to become the largest IMC in the United States and a full service transportation provider, offering intermodal, truck brokerage and comprehensive logistics services.

The Company operates through an extensive nationwide network of 33 offices or "Hubs." Each Hub is strategically located in a market that has a significant concentration of shipping customers and one or more railheads. Each Hub functions essentially as a stand-alone business managed locally by an executive, known as a "Principal," with significant transportation experience. Local management is responsible for operations, customer service and regional marketing, while corporate management is responsible for group strategic planning and administration, financial services, relationships with the railroads, management of the Company's logistics services business and management information systems support. Hub Group also maintains a National Accounts sales force to provide centralized marketing of the Company's services to large and geographically diversified shippers.

On March 18, 1996, Hub Group purchased Hub City Terminals, Inc. ("Hub Chicago") in a stock-for-stock acquisition. Concurrent with the acquisition of Hub Chicago, Hub Group completed the initial public offering of 4,261,250 shares of its Class A common stock (the "Class A Common Stock"), with net proceeds to Hub Group of \$52.9 million. Simultaneously with the initial public offering, Hub Group, through its new wholly owned subsidiary, Hub Chicago, acquired with cash the general partnership interests in 26 operating partnerships, each with one or more offices. In addition, Hub Group directly acquired with cash a controlling interest in the Hub Group Distribution Services partnership ("Hub Distribution") which performs certain specialized logistics functions (each of the 26 operating partnerships and Hub Distribution are a "Hub Partnership" and collectively are the "Hub Partnerships"). With the exception of Hub Distribution, the Company has the continuing option, exercisable any time after the Principal currently associated with a Hub Partnership ceases to be an employee, to purchase the limited partnership interest in that Hub Partnership. The decision as to whether or when to exercise an option to acquire the limited partnership interest in a Hub Partnership will be made by the independent members of the Company's Board of Directors. Unless the context otherwise requires, references to "Hub Group" or the "Company" include Hub Chicago, the Hub Partnerships and their respective subsidiaries.

During 1997, the Company made several significant strategic investments. On March 1, 1997, the Company exercised its option to acquire an additional approximately 44% ownership interest in Hub Distribution for an aggregate price of approximately \$1,500,000, raising the Company's general partnership interest in Hub Distribution to 65%. In September 1997, the Company completed a secondary offering of 1,725,000 shares of Class A Common Stock, with net proceeds to the Company of approximately \$54.8 million. On September 17, 1997, the Company exercised its option to acquire the remaining 70% minority interests in Hub City Los Angeles, L.P. ("Hub Los Angeles") and Hub City Golden Gate, L.P. ("Hub Golden Gate") for approximately \$59.4 million. On September 17, 1997, the Company also closed on a new unsecured \$36.0 million five-year revolving line of credit with Harris Trust and Savings Bank. (See Item 7 Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations - Liquidity and Capital Resources.) On October 31, 1997 the Company exercised it option to acquire the remaining 70% minority interest in Hub City New Orleans, L.P. ("Hub New Orleans") for a nominal sum. On October 31, 1997, the Company also purchased, for \$300,000, the 50% joint venture interest in HLX Company, L.L.C. ("HLX") not owned by the Company, making HLX a wholly-owned subsidiary of Hub

On March 10, 1998, the Company announced that it would acquire the minority interest in Hub City Rio Grande, L.P., Hub City Dallas, L.P. and Hub City Houston, L.P. The Company estimates it will acquire the minority interests in

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Hubs in Texas, as well as Mexico, will be wholly-owned by the Company. On March 12, 1998, the Company announced that it had recently signed a letter of intent to purchase all of the outstanding stock of Quality Intermodal Corporation ("Quality"). The Company has offered to pay \$4.1 million in cash and \$6.3 million through the issuance of a three-year note, bearing interest at an annual rate of 5.6%, for all of Quality's stock. Quality is an intermodal and truckload brokerage service provider headquartered in Houston and with offices in Dallas, Los Angeles, Chicago, Philadelphia and Atlanta. Quality had revenue of approximately \$70 million in 1997. Although there is no guarantee that the acquisition will occur, the Company hopes to sign a definitive purchase agreement in the near future.

Services Provided

The Company's transportation services can be broadly placed into the following categories:

Intermodal As an IMC, the Company arranges for the movement of its customers' freight in containers and trailers over long distances. Hub Group contracts with railroads to provide transportation over the long-haul portion of the shipment and with local trucking companies, known as "drayage companies," for pickup and delivery. In markets where adequate drayage service is not available, the Company supplements third party drayage services with Company-owned drayage operations. (See Item 7 Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations - Liquidity and Capital Resources.) As part of its intermodal services, the Company negotiates rail and drayage rates, electronically tracks shipments in transit, consolidates billing and handles claims for freight loss or damage on behalf of its customers. The Company uses its Hub network, connected through its proprietary advanced intermodal management ("AIM") system, to access containers and trailers owned by leasing companies, railroads and steamship lines. Because each Hub not only handles its own outbound shipments but also handles inbound shipments from other Hubs, each Hub is able to track trailers and containers entering its service area and use that equipment to fulfill its customers' outbound shipping requirements. This effectively allows the Company to "capture" containers and trailers and keep them within the Hub network without having to make a capital investment in transportation equipment.

Highway Services The Company arranges for the transportation of freight by truck, providing customers another option for their transportation needs. This is accomplished by matching customers' needs with carriers' capacity to provide the appropriate service and price combination. The Company has contracts with a substantial base of carriers allowing it to meet the varied needs of its customers. The Company negotiates rates, tracks shipments in transit, consolidates billing and handles claims for freight loss and damage on behalf of its customers. The Company's brokerage operation also provides customers with specialized programs. Through the Dedicated Trucking program, certain carriers have informally agreed to move freight for Hub's customers on a continuous basis. This arrangement allows Hub to gain control of the trucking equipment to effectively meet its customer's needs without owning the equipment. Through the Core Carrier-Plus One program, Hub assumes the responsibility for over-the-road truckload shipments that the customer's core carriers cannot handle. This service supplements the customer's core carrier program and helps ensure the timely delivery of the customer's freight.

Logistics The Company has expanded its service capabilities as customers increasingly outsource their transportation needs. The Company currently offers various logistics services, including comprehensive transportation management, arranging for delivery to multiple locations at the shipment's destination, third party warehousing and other customized logistics services, as well as other non-traditional logistics services such as installation of point of sale merchandise displays.

When providing complete transportation services, the Company essentially replaces the customer's transportation department. Once the Company is hired as

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a single source logistics provider, it negotiates with intermodal, railcar, truckload and less-than-truckload carriers to move the customer's product through the supply chain and then dispatches the move for the customer. Using its advanced transportation management software, the Company consolidates orders into full truckload shipments, chooses a shipping route, electronically tenders loads to carriers and reports the move to the customer.

Hub Network

Over the past 25 years, Hub Group has grown from a single office with two employees into a network of 31 Hubs in the United States, one Hub in Canada and one Hub in Mexico. Hub Group also has several satellite sales offices. In developing this network, the Company has carefully selected each location to ensure coverage in areas with significant concentrations of shipping customers and one or more railheads. Hub Group currently has Hubs in the following cities:

Atlanta	Grand Rapids	Milwaukee	St. Louis
Baltimore	Houston	Minneapolis	Salt Lake City
Birmingham	Indianapolis	New Orleans	San Antonio
Boston	Jacksonville	New York City	San Francisco
Chicago(3)	Kansas City	Philadelphia	Seattle
Cleveland	Los Angeles	Pittsburgh	Toledo
Dallas	Memphis	Portland	Toronto
Detroit	Mexico City	Rochester	

The entire Hub network is interactively connected through the Company's AIM system. This enables Hub Group to move freight into and out of every major city in the United States and most locations in Canada and Mexico. The Company's Hub in New Haven was recently closed and its operations transferred to Boston. In connection with the reorganization in Texas, the Company anticipates that the Hub in San Antonio will become a sales office in the near future.

Each Hub manages the freight originating in or destined for its service area. In a typical intermodal transaction, the customer contacts the local Hub to obtain shipping schedules and a price quote for a particular freight movement. The local Hub obtains the necessary intermodal equipment, arranges for it to be delivered to the customer by a drayage company and, after the freight is loaded, arranges for the transportation of the container or trailer to the rail ramp. Information is entered into the AIM system by the local Hub, which monitors the shipment to ensure that it will arrive as scheduled. This information is simultaneously transmitted through the AIM system to the Hub closest to the point of delivery, which arranges for and confirms delivery by a drayage company. This arrangement among the Hubs is transparent to the customer and allows the customer to maintain its relationship solely with the originating Hub.

The Company provides brokerage services to its customers in a similar manner. In a typical brokerage transaction, the customer contacts the local Hub to obtain transit information and a price quote for a particular freight movement. The customer then provides appropriate shipping information to the local Hub. The local Hub makes the delivery appointment and arranges with the appropriate carrier to pick up the freight. Once it receives confirmation that the freight has been picked up, the local Hub monitors the movement of the freight until it reaches its destination and the delivery has been confirmed. If the carrier notifies Hub Group that after delivering the load it will need additional freight, the Hub located nearest the destination is notified of the carrier's availability. Although it is under no obligation to do so, the local

Hub then may attempt, if requested by the carrier, to secure freight for the carrier.

Marketing and Customers

The Company believes that fostering long-term customer relationships is critical to the Company's success. Through these long-term relationships, the Company is able to better understand its customer's needs and to tailor transportation services for a specific customer, regardless of the customer's size or volume. The Company has created a database of current and prospective customers, profiling each customer's shipping patterns, which the Company periodically updates. This database allows the Company to target its marketing to meet each customer's specific requirements.

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The Company currently has full time marketing representatives at each Hub with primary responsibility for servicing local and regional accounts. These sales representatives work from the 33 Hubs and the Company's satellite sales offices. This network provides a local marketing contact for small and medium shippers in most major metropolitan areas within the United States.

In 1985, the Company organized National Accounts to service the needs of the nation's largest shippers. The Company recognized that although large shippers originate freight from multiple locations throughout the country, their logistics function is usually centralized. The Company essentially mirrored this structure by servicing national accounts from a central location and parceling out the servicing of individual freight shipments to the appropriate Hub. There are currently 14 National Accounts sales representatives who report to the Company's Executive Vice President of National Accounts. The National Accounts sales representatives regularly call on the nation's largest shippers to develop business relationships and to expand the Company's participation in servicing their transportation needs. When a business opportunity is identified by a National Accounts sales representative, the Company's market development and pricing personnel and the local Hubs work together to provide a transportation solution tailored to the customer's needs. Local Hubs provide transportation services to National Accounts customers. After the plan is implemented, National Accounts' personnel maintain regular contact with the shipper to ensure customer satisfaction and to refine the process as necessary.

This unique combination of local and regional marketing has produced a large, diverse customer base. The Company services customers in a wide variety of industries, including automotive, consumer products, printing, paper, retail, chemicals and electronics.

Management Information System

A primary component of the Company's business strategy is the continued improvement of its AIM system and other technology to ensure that the Company will remain a leader among transportation providers in information processing for intermodal transportation. The AIM system consists of a network of IBM AS/400 computers located at the Hubs and linked to a host computer at the Company's headquarters. Hub Group uses IBM's Global Network as the nucleus for linking its computers and databases. This configuration provides a real time environment for transmitting data among the Hubs and the Company's headquarters using electronic data interchange ("EDI"), electronic mail and other protocols. It also allows Hub to communicate electronically with each railroad, certain drayage companies and those customers with EDI capabilities.

The Company's proprietary AIM system is the primary mechanism used by the Hubs to process customer transportation requests, schedule and track shipments, prepare customer billing, establish account profiles and retain critical information for analysis. The AIM system provides mainframe-to-mainframe connectivity with each of the major rail carriers, enabling the Company to electronically schedule and track shipments in a real time environment. In

addition, the AIM system's EDI features offer customers with EDI capability a completely paperless process, including load tendering, shipment dispatch, shipment tracking, customer billing and remittance processing. The Company aggressively pursues opportunities to establish EDI interfaces with its customers and carriers.

To more effectively manage its highway services business, the Company recently installed software ("Visual Movement") that was co-developed with the Visual Movement Corporation. Just as the AIM system has helped automate the Company's intermodal operations, this software is designed to automate the Company's highway services operations. Visual Movement processes customer transportation requests, schedules and tracks shipments, prepares customer billing, establishes account profiles and retains critical information for analysis. It also interfaces with the carrier by handling load tendering, shipment dispatch, shipment tracking, customer billing and remittance processing.

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Relationship with Railroads

A key element of the Company's business strategy is to strengthen its close working relationship with each of the major intermodal railroads in the United States. The Company views its relationship with the railroads as a partnership. Due to the Company's size and relative importance, many railroads have dedicated support personnel to focus on the Company's day-to-day service requirements. On a semi-annual basis, senior executives of the Company and each of the railroads meet to discuss major strategic issues concerning intermodal transportation. Several of the Company's executive officers, including both the Company's Chairman and President, are former railroad employees, which makes them well-suited to understand the railroads' service capabilities.

The Company has contracts with each of the following railroads:

Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway Canadian National Canadian Pacific Conrail Illinois Central Kansas City Southern Norfolk Southern Union Pacific

These contracts govern the transportation services and payment terms pursuant to which the Company's intermodal shipments are handled by the railroads. The contracts have staggered renewal terms with the earliest expiration at the end of December 1998. While there can be no assurances that these contracts will be renewed, the Company has in the past successfully negotiated extensions of the contracts with the railroads. Transportation rates are market driven and are typically negotiated between the Company and the railroads on a customer specific basis. Consistent with industry practice, many of the rates negotiated by the Company are special commodity quotations ("SCQs"), which provide discounts from published price lists based on competitive market factors and are designed by the railroads to attract new business or to retain existing business. SCQ rates are generally issued for the account of a single IMC. SCQ rates apply to specific customers in specified shipping lanes for a specific period of time, usually six to 12 months.

Relationship with Drayage Companies

In 1990, the Company instituted its "Quality Drayage Program," which consists of agreements and rules that govern the framework pursuant to which the drayage companies perform services for the Company. Participants in the program commit to provide high quality service, clean and safe equipment, maintain a defined on-time performance level and follow specified procedures designed to minimize freight loss and damage. Whenever possible, the Company uses the services of drayage companies that participate in its Quality Drayage Program. However, during periods of high demand for drayage services or at the request of

a customer, the Company will use the services of other drayage companies. The local Hubs negotiate drayage rates for transportation between specific origin and destination points. These rates generally are valid, with minor exceptions for fuel surcharge increases, for a period of one year.

Relationship with Truckload Carriers

The Company's brokerage operation has a large and growing number of active carriers in its database which it uses to transport freight. The local Hubs deal daily with these carriers on an operational level. Hub Highway Services handles the administrative and regulatory aspects of the carrier relationship. Hub's relationships with its carriers are important since these relationships determine pricing, load coverage and overall service.

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Risk Management and Insurance

The Company requires all drayage companies participating in the Quality Drayage Program to carry at least \$1.0 million in general liability insurance and \$1.0 million in cargo insurance. Railroads, which are self insured, provide limited common carrier liability protection, generally up to \$250,000 per shipment, although higher coverage is available on a load-by-load basis. To cover freight damage when a carrier's liability cannot be established or a carrier's insurance is insufficient to cover freight loss or damage, the Company carries its own cargo insurance with a limit of \$1.5 million per container or trailer and a limit of \$20 million per occurrence. The Company also carries \$2.0 million of general liability insurance with a companion \$10.0 million umbrella policy on this general liability insurance.

Government Regulation

Hub Highway Services, a partnership controlled by the Company, is licensed by the Department of Transportation ("DOT") as a broker in arranging for the transportation of general commodities by motor vehicle. To the extent that the Hubs perform truck brokerage services, they do so under the license granted to Hub Highway Services. The DOT prescribes qualifications for acting in this capacity, including certain surety bonding requirements. While the DOT requires a \$10,000 surety bond to maintain this license, the Company has voluntarily posted a \$100,000 surety bond. To date, compliance with these regulations has not had a material adverse effect on the Company's results of operations or financial condition. However, the transportation industry is subject to legislative or regulatory changes that can affect the economics of the industry by requiring changes in operating practices or influencing the demand for, and cost of providing, transportation services.

${\tt Competition}$

The transportation services industry is highly competitive. The Company competes against other IMCs, as well as logistics companies, third party brokers, over-the-road truckload carriers and railroads that market their own intermodal services. In addition, there is an emerging trend for larger truckload carriers to enter into agreements with railroads to market intermodal services nationwide. Competition is based primarily on freight rates, quality of service, reliability, transit time and scope of operations. Several transportation service companies and truckload carriers, and all of the major railroads, have substantially greater financial and other resources than the Company.

General

Employees As of February 28, 1998, the Company had approximately 1,246 employees. The Company is not a party to any collective bargaining agreement and considers its relationship with its employees to be satisfactory.

Other No material portion of the Company's operations is subject to renegotiation of profits or termination of contracts at the election of the federal government. The Company has not spent a material amount on company sponsored research and development activities or on customer sponsored research activities. None of the Company's patents and trademarks is believed to be material to the Company. The Company's business is seasonal to the extent that certain customer groups, such as retail, are seasonal.

Item 2. PROPERTIES

The Company directly, or indirectly through the Hub Partnerships, operates 39 offices throughout the United States and in Canada and Mexico, including the Company's headquarters in Lombard, Illinois, its National Accounts office in Stamford, Connecticut, four National Accounts sales offices, Hub Logistics offices in Lombard and Stamford and Hub Distribution's office. The office buildings used by the Hubs located in Toledo and Kansas City are owned, and the remainder are leased. The office building in Kansas City is subject to a mortgage. Most office leases have initial terms of more than one year, and many include options to renew. While some of the Company's leases are month-to-month and others expire in the near term, the Company does not believe that it will have difficulty in renewing them or in finding alternative office space. The Company believes that its offices are adequate for the purposes for which they are currently used.

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Item 3. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

The Company is a party to routine litigation incident to its business, primarily claims for freight lost or damaged in transit or improperly shipped. Most of the lawsuits to which the Company is party are covered by insurance and are being defended by the Company's insurance carriers. Management does not believe that the litigation to which it is currently a party, if determined adversely to the Company, would individually or in the aggregate have a materially adverse effect on the Company's financial position or results of operations. See Item 1 Business - Risk Management and Insurance.

Item 4. SUBMISSION OF MATTERS TO A VOTE OF SECURITY HOLDERS

There were no matters submitted to a vote of the Company's security holders during the fourth quarter of 1997.

Executive Officers of the Registrant

In reliance on General Instruction G to Form 10-K, information on executive officers of the Registrant is included in this Part I. The table sets forth certain information as of March 20, 1998 with respect to each person who is an executive officer of the Company.

Name	Age	Position
Phillip C. Yeager	70	Chairman of the Board of Directors
David P. Yeager	45	Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors and Chief Executive Officer
Thomas L. Hardin	52	President, Chief Operating Officer and Director
William L. Crowder	55	Vice President-Finance, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer
Daniel F. Hardman	49	President-Chicago Region
Mark A. Yeager	33	Division President, Secretary and General Counsel
John T. Donnell	58	Executive Vice President-National Accounts
Robert L. Maro	45	Vice President-Information Services
Robert J. Jensen	43	President-Hub Group Operations Management
Richard M. Rogan	58	President-Hub Highway Services, Executive Vice President-Marketing

Phillip C. Yeager, the Company's founder, has been Chairman of the Board since October 1985. From April 1971 to October 1985, Mr. Yeager served as President of Hub Chicago. Mr. Yeager became involved in intermodal transportation in 1959, five years after the introduction of intermodal transportation in the United States, as an employee of the Pennsylvania and Pennsylvania Central Railroads. He spent 19 years with the Pennsylvania and Pennsylvania Central Railroads, 12 of which involved intermodal transportation. In 1991, Mr. Yeager was named Man of the Year by the Intermodal Transportation Association. In 1995, he received the Salzburg Practitioners Award from Syracuse University in recognition of his lifetime achievements in the transportation industry. In October 1996, Mr. Yeager was inducted into the Chicago Area Entrepreneurship Hall of Fame sponsored by the University of Illinois at Chicago. In March 1997, he received the Presidential Medal from Dowling College for his achievements in transportation services. Mr. Yeager graduated from the University of Cincinnati in 1951 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics. Mr. Yeager is the father of David P. Yeager and Mark A. Yeager and the father-in-law of Robert J. Jensen.

David P. Yeager has served as the Company's Vice Chairman of the Board since January 1992 and as Chief Executive Officer of the Company since March 1995. From October 1985 through December 1991, Mr. Yeager was President of Hub Chicago. From 1983 to October 1985, he served as Vice President, Marketing of Hub Chicago. Mr. Yeager founded the St. Louis Hub in 1980 and served as its President from 1980 to 1983. Mr. Yeager founded the Pittsburgh Hub in 1975 and served as its President from 1975 to 1977. Mr. Yeager received a Masters in Business Administration degree from the University of Chicago in 1987 and a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Dayton in 1975. Mr. Yeager is the son of Phillip C. Yeager, the brother of Mark A. Yeager and the brother-in-law of Robert J. Jensen. Mr. Yeager also serves as a director of SPR Inc.

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Thomas L. Hardin has served as the Company's President since October 1985 and has served as Chief Operating Officer and a director of the Company since March 1995. From January 1980 to September 1985, Mr. Hardin was Vice President-Operations and from June 1972 to December 1979, he was General Manager of the Company. Prior to joining the Company, Mr. Hardin worked for the Missouri Pacific Railroad where he held various marketing and pricing positions. During 1996, Mr. Hardin was Chairman of the Intermodal Association of North America.

William L. Crowder has been the Company's Vice President of Finance and Chief Financial Officer since April 1994 and Treasurer since July 1996. From January 1990 through December 1993, Mr. Crowder was Vice President of Finance and Treasurer of Sears Logistics Services, Inc., a transportation, distribution and home delivery subsidiary of Sears Roebuck & Company. Mr. Crowder worked at Sears Roebuck & Company from 1966 through 1989 in various senior financial management positions. Mr. Crowder received a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Georgia State University in 1966.

Daniel F. Hardman has been the President-Chicago Region since February 1996. Mr. Hardman has been employed by the Hub Group since 1982, serving as President of Hub Chicago from December 1992 to February 1996, Vice President of Hub Chicago from January 1987 to December 1992, General Manager of Sales of Hub Chicago from August 1985 to January 1987, President of Hub Charlotte from June 1984 to August 1985 and Regional Sales Manager of Hub Chicago from December 1982 to June 1984. Mr. Hardman is a former Director of the Intermodal Transportation Association and is presently a member of the Chicago Traffic Club and the Chicago Intermodal Transportation Association. Mr. Hardman is a 1991 graduate of the Certificate Program in Business Administration from the University of Illinois.

Mark A. Yeager has been the Company's Division President since November 1997 and Secretary and General Counsel since March 1995. From March 1995 to November 1997, Mr. Yeager was Vice President, Secretary and General Counsel. From May 1992 to March 1995, Mr. Yeager served as the Company's Vice

President-Quality. Prior to joining the Company in 1992, Mr. Yeager was an associate at the law firm of Grippo & Elden from January 1991 through May 1992 and an associate at the law firm of Sidley & Austin from May 1989 through January 1991. Mr. Yeager received a Juris Doctor degree from Georgetown University in 1989 and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Indiana University in 1986. Mr. Yeager is the son of Phillip C. Yeager, the brother of David P. Yeager and the brother-in-law of Robert J. Jensen.

John T. Donnell has been Executive Vice President of National Accounts since October 1993. From October 1985 through October 1993, Mr. Donnell served as Vice President of National Accounts. Prior to joining the Company in 1985, Mr. Donnell worked for Transamerica Leasing as Vice President of Marketing where he was responsible for marketing 40,000 intermodal trailers to the railroads and the intermodal marketing industry. Mr. Donnell received a Master of Business Administration degree from Northwestern University in 1981 and a Bachelor of Science degree in Marketing from Northeast Louisiana University in 1961.

Robert L. Maro has been Vice President of Information Services since November 1991. From January 1978 through November 1991, Mr. Maro worked as Director of Operations for Zink & Katich, an information technology consulting firm that provided consulting services to the Company. Mr. Maro received a Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics from Chicago State University in 1974.

Robert J. Jensen has been President of Hub Group Operations Management since July 1991. He served as President of Hub St. Louis from July 1985 through July 1991 and as General Manager of Hub St. Louis from October 1980 through July 1985. Mr. Jensen received a Bachelor of Science degree in Finance from the University of Illinois in 1977. Mr. Jensen is the son-in-law of Phillip C. Yeager and the brother-in-law of both David P. Yeager and Mark A. Yeager.

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Richard M. Rogan has been Executive Vice President of Marketing since November 1997 and President of Hub Highway Services since May 1995. Prior to joining the Company, Mr. Rogan was Executive Vice President of National Freight, Inc from May 1993 to April 1995. Prior to that, Mr. Rogan was with Burlington Motor Carriers, Inc., where he served as President and Chief Executive Officer from March 1988 to April 1993 and as an Executive Vice President from July 1985 to February 1988. Mr. Rogan's transportation career spans 25 years and includes earlier assignments with the Illinois Central Railroad, North American Van Lines and Schneider National. He received a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Loyola University of Chicago in 1962 and a Master of Business Administration degree from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania in 1963. He has served on the Board of Directors of the ATA Foundation as well as the Interstate Truckload Carrier Conference ("ITCC"). He is a past Chairman of the ITCC Highway Policy Committee and has also served on the Advisory Board of the Trucking Profitability Strategies Conference at the University of Georgia.

PART II

Item 5. MARKET FOR REGISTRANTS COMMON EQUITY AND RELATED SHAREHOLDER MATTERS

The Class A Common Stock of the Company trades on the NASDAQ National Market tier of The NASDAQ Stock Market ("NASDAQ") under the symbol "HUBG." The Class A Common Stock was first traded on NASDAQ on March 13, 1996, concurrent with the underwritten initial public offering of the Company's Class A Common Stock at an initial price to the public of \$14.00 per share (the "Offering"). Prior to the Offering, there was no established public trading market for the Class A Common Stock. Set forth below are the high and low prices for shares of the Class A Common Stock of the Company in 1996 from March 13, 1996, the date of the Offering, through the end of the first quarter of 1996 and for each full quarterly period thereafter in 1996 and 1997.

1996 1997

	High	Low	High	Low					
First Quarter	\$ 19	\$ 14	\$ 30 1/8	\$ 24 1/2					
Second Quarter	\$ 24 1/4	\$ 17 5/8	\$ 31	\$ 24 1/4					
Third Quarter	\$ 22 5/8	\$ 16	\$ 38 1/4	\$ 30 1/8					
Fourth Quarter	\$ 27 1/2	\$ 21 1/4	\$ 37 1/8	\$ 28 3/8					

On March 20, 1998, there were approximately 43 stockholders of record of the Class A Common Stock and, in addition, there were an estimated 1,943 beneficial owners of the Class A Common Stock whose shares were held by brokers and other fiduciary institutions. On March 20, 1998, there were nine holders of record of the Company's Class B common stock (the "Class B Common Stock" together with the Class A Common Stock, the "Common Stock").

The Company was incorporated in 1995 and has never paid cash dividends on either the Class A Common Stock or the Class B Common Stock. The declaration and payment of dividends by the Company are subject to the discretion of the Board of Directors. Any determination as to the payment of dividends will depend upon the results of operations, capital requirements and financial condition of the Company, and such other factors, as the Board of Directors may deem relevant. Accordingly, there can be no assurance that the Board of Directors will declare or pay dividends on the shares of Common Stock in the future. The certificate of incorporation of the Company requires that any cash dividends must be paid equally on each outstanding share of Class A Common Stock and Class B Common Stock. The Company's credit agreement prohibits the Company from paying dividends on the Common Stock if there has been, or immediately following the payment of a dividend would be, a default or an event of default under the credit agreement. The Company is currently in compliance with the covenants contained in the credit agreement.

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Item 6. SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA

Selected Financial Data (in thousands except per share data)

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Statement of Operations Data: Revenue Net revenue Operating income Income before minority interest and taxes Income before taxes Historical net income Historical basic earnings per common share Historical diluted earnings per common share Pro forma provision for additional income taxes(3) Pro forma basic earnings per common share Pro forma basic earnings per common share Pro forma diluted earnings per common share	,064,479 129,855 33,495 32,869 15,874 9,525 1.48 1.46	\$ \$	91,564 27,925 27,704 11,338 7,044	\$ \$	6,266 2,567 2,638 2,638 2,599 1.56 1.56 1,016	\$ \$	6,288 2,348 2,406 2,406 2,369 1.43 1.43 925	\$ \$	5,138 1,843 1,939 1,939 1,907 1.15 1.15 744 1,163
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Balance Sheet Data: Working capital Total assets Long-term debt, excluding current portion Stockholders' equity	15,209 267,826 22,873 110,462		201,225		9,083		10,360		9,511

⁽¹⁾ In September 1997, the Company issued 1,725,000 shares of Class A common stock through a secondary offering which resulted in net proceeds of approximately \$54,763,000.

- (2) On March 18, 1996, Hub Group, Inc. purchased Hub City Terminals, Inc. ("Hub Chicago") in a stock-for-stock acquisition through the issuance of 1,000,000 shares of the Company's Class A common stock and 662,296 shares of the Company's Class B common stock. Hub Chicago has been accounted for similar to the pooling of interests method of accounting and has been included in all periods presented on a historical cost basis. Concurrent with the acquisition of Hub Chicago, the Company completed the initial public offering of 4,261,250 shares of its Class A common stock, with net proceeds to the Company of approximately \$52,945,000. Coincident with the initial public offering, a selling stockholder sold 1,000,000 shares of the Company's Class A common stock through a secondary offering. The Company did not receive any net proceeds from the sale of the shares by the selling stockholder. Concurrent with the initial public offering, the Company acquired with cash a controlling interest in each of 27 operating partnerships. On May 2, 1996, the Company acquired the rights to service the customers of American President Lines Domestic Distribution Services. See the Notes to the Company's Consolidated Financial Statements.
- (3) Prior to March 18, 1996, the Company was an S corporation and not subject to Federal corporate income taxes. On March 18, 1996, the company changed its status from an S corporation to a C corporation. The statement of operations data reflects a pro forma provision for income taxes as if the Company were subject to Federal and state corporate income taxes for all periods presented. The pro forma provision reflects a combined Federal and state tax rate of 40%. See the Notes to the Company's Consolidated Financial Statements.

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Item 7. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

CAPITAL STRUCTURE

Hub Group, Inc. was incorporated on March 8, 1995. On March 18, 1996, Hub Group, Inc. purchased Hub City Terminals, Inc. ("Hub Chicago") in a stock-for-stock acquisition through the issuance of 1,000,000 shares of Class A common stock and 662,296 shares of Class B common stock. Hub Chicago has been accounted for similar to the pooling of interests method of accounting and has been included in all periods presented on a historical cost basis. Concurrent with the acquisition of Hub Chicago in March 1996, Hub Group, Inc. completed the initial public offering of 4,261,250 shares of its Class A common stock. Coincident with the initial public offering, a selling stockholder sold 1,000,000 shares of Hub Group, Inc.'s Class A common stock through a secondary offering. In September 1997, the Company completed a secondary offering of 1,725,000 shares of Hub Group, Inc.'s Class A common stock.

BUSINESS COMBINATIONS

Concurrent with the initial public offering, Hub Group, Inc., together with its wholly owned subsidiary, Hub Chicago, acquired a controlling interest in each of 27 operating partnerships (collectively referred to as "Hub Partnerships"). Prior to March 18, 1996, Hub Chicago and Hub Partnerships were under common control and formed a network that collectively worked with customers and vendors. On May 2, 1996, Hub Group, Inc. purchased the rights to service the customers of American President Lines Domestic Distribution Services ("APLDDS"), a division of APL Land Transport Services, Inc, from its parent, American President Companies, Ltd.

The revenue of Hub Partnerships and APLDDS is many multiples of the revenue of Hub Chicago. As a result, consolidated revenue and operating expense for Hub Group, Inc. and its subsidiaries (the "Company") increased dramatically in the periods subsequent to March 17, 1996.

As a result of the APLDDS acquisition, the Company acquired the right to service APLDDS customers, but did not assume any assets or liabilities associated with that business. Furthermore, the Company hired only 36 of the more than 200 employees in the APLDDS organization. The APLDDS business was absorbed directly into the operations of Hub Chicago and Hub Partnerships and

management believes the associated incremental operating costs are significantly less than the historical operating costs experienced by APLDDS. Management does not track the incremental purchased transportation and operating costs attributable to the acquired APLDDS business. Consequently, discussion of results of operations excluding acquisitions, when comparing the results of operations for the year ended December 31, 1996, to the year ended December 31, 1995, is limited to comparisons of revenue. Discussion of pro forma financial data for the years ended December 31, 1996, and 1995, reflects results of operations as if Hub Group, Inc. had acquired Hub Partnerships and APLDDS as of January 1, 1995.

On October 31, 1997, the Company acquired the 50% interest in its international joint venture, HLX Company, LLC, that it did not previously own for \$300,000 in cash.

On February 20, 1998, the Company signed letters of intent to acquire all of the outstanding stock of Quality Intermodal Corporation ("Quality"). The Company has offered to pay \$4.1 million in cash and \$6.3 million through the issuance of a three-year note, bearing interest at an annual rate of 5.6%, for all of Quality's stock. Quality primarily offers intermodal and truckload brokerage services with offices in Houston, Dallas, Los Angeles, Chicago, Atlanta, and Philadelphia.

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TRIGGERED CALL OPTIONS

On March 5, 1998, the local in-charge executives of Hub City Rio Grande, L.P. ("Hub Rio Grande"), Hub City Dallas, L.P. ("Hub Dallas"), and Hub City Houston, L.P. ("Hub Houston") resigned, triggering the Company's ability to exercise its call option to acquire the remaining 70% minority interest at a price calculated in accordance with an agreed upon formula.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Year Ended December 31, 1997, Compared to Year Ended December 31, 1996

Revenue

Revenue totaled \$1,064.5 million for 1997, representing an increase of 41.1% over 1996. The primary reason for the increase is attributed to having the revenue from the Hub Partnerships and APLDDS acquisitions for the full year in 1997 and only a portion of the year in 1996. Revenue for 1997 increased 13.4% over pro forma revenue for 1996. Intermodal revenue increased 7.6%, truckload brokerage revenue increased 37.6% and logistics revenue increased 59.0% over pro forma revenue for 1996. The 1996 pro forma revenue included the revenue generated by APLDDS prior to being acquired by the Company. APLDDS was experiencing significant decline in its revenue prior to being acquired. This decline had a negative influence on the 1997 growth rate over the 1996 pro forma revenue.

Excluding the revenue in 1996 relating to APLDDS prior to it being acquired by the Company, Hub Chicago and Hub Partnerships, on a combined basis assuming Hub Chicago had acquired Hub Partnerships on January 1, 1996, experienced a revenue increase of 19.2% in 1997 compared to 1996. Intermodal revenue, excluding APLDDS from all periods, increased 10.8% in 1997 when compared to 1996. Management believes that the well-publicized railroad service disruptions experienced by the intermodal industry during the fourth quarter of 1997 negatively impacted intermodal revenue growth. (See "Outlook, Risks and Uncertainties")

Net Revenue

Net revenue as a percentage of revenue increased slightly to 12.2% in 1997 from 12.1% in 1996. The increase is attributed to Hub Chicago having a lower net revenue percentage on its business as compared to Hub Partnerships. Consequently, Hub Chicago lowered the net revenue percentage in 1996, as the Hub Partnerships were not included in results of operations until after March 17,

Salaries and Benefits

Salaries and benefits increased to \$64.3 million in 1997 over \$43.9 million in 1996. As a percentage of revenue, salaries and benefits increased to 6.0% from 5.8%. The increase in the percentage is attributed to Hub Chicago having a lower salaries and benefits percentage as compared to Hub Partnerships. Consequently, Hub Chicago lowered the salaries and benefits percentage in 1996, as the Hub Partnerships were not included in results of operations until after March 17, 1996.

Selling, General and Administrative

Selling, general and administrative expenses increased to \$27.5 million in 1997 from \$17.1 million in 1996. Selling, general and administrative expenses as a percentage of revenue increased to 2.6% in 1997 from 2.3% in 1996. The increase in the percentage is principally attributable to increased spending related to information systems, rent and equipment leases. Expenditures for information systems increased as the Company enhanced its operating systems to

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provide better customer service as well as to further develop and expand the capabilities of its web site. Rent increased as many of the Company's Hubs were required to obtain larger office space to accommodate present operations and future growth. Expenditures for equipment leases increased as the Company moved towards leasing, as opposed to purchasing, more of its office and computer equipment.

Depreciation and Amortization

Depreciation and amortization increased to \$4.6 million in 1997 from \$2.6 million in 1996. As a percentage of revenue, depreciation and amortization increased to 0.4% in 1997 from 0.3% in 1996. This increase is attributed primarily to the increase in goodwill amortization. Goodwill amortization related to the acquisitions of Hub Partnerships and APLDDS was incurred for the entire year in 1997 versus only a portion of the year in 1996. In addition, minority interest purchases related to Hub City Tennessee, L.P., Hub City North Central, L.P. ("Hub North Central"), Hub Group Distribution Services, Hub City Los Angeles, L.P. ("Hub Los Angeles") and Hub City Golden Gate, L.P. ("Hub Golden Gate") occurred in August 1996, December 1996, March 1997, September 1997 and September 1997, respectively. The timing of these purchases also caused goodwill amortization to be higher in 1997 as compared to 1996.

Other Income (Expense)

Interest expense increased to \$2.2 million in 1997 from \$1.0 million in 1996. The increase is primarily attributed to the note issued in conjunction with the minority interest purchase related to Hub North Central in mid-December of 1996. The \$15.0 million note bore interest at an annual rate of 7% and was outstanding for the entire year of 1997.

Interest income increased to \$1.5 million in 1997 from \$0.8 million in 1996. The increase is primarily attributed to two factors. First, net proceeds from the Company's secondary stock offering of \$54.8 million were invested for approximately one month before such proceeds were used to purchase the minority interests in Hub Los Angeles and Hub Golden Gate. Second, results of operations included the interest income generated by Hub Partnerships for the entire year of 1997 as compared to 1996, where Hub Partnerships was only included after March 17, 1996.

Minority Interest

Minority interest increased to \$17.0 million in 1997 from \$16.4 million in 1996. Minority interest as a percentage of income before minority interest and provision for income taxes was 51.7% in 1997 as compared to 59.1% in 1996.

The decrease in the percentage is attributed to purchases of minority interest as discussed above (See "Depreciation and Amortization").

Provision for Income Taxes

Provision for income taxes was increased to \$6.3 million in 1997 from \$4.3 million in 1996. Other than an insignificant provision for Illinois replacement tax, the Company had no provision for income taxes prior to March 18, 1996, as the Company was a federally non-taxable subchapter S corporation. The Company is providing for income taxes at a net effective rate of 40% for all income subsequent to March 17, 1996.

Pro Forma Provision for Additional Income Taxes

There was no pro forma provision for additional income taxes in 1997. The pro forma provision for additional income taxes was \$0.2 million in 1996. The pro forma provision for additional income taxes was recorded to provide an assumed net effective federal and state income tax rate of 40% for periods prior to March 18, 1996.

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Net Income

Historical net income increased 40.0% to \$9.5 million in 1997 over proforma net income (pro forma only to provide for income taxes) of \$6.8 million in 1996. The increase is attributed primarily to the additional net income generated from the use of the proceeds from the Company's initial public offering in March 1996 and the secondary offering in September 1997. Historical net income for 1997 increased 42.4% over pro forma net income (pro forma to provide for income taxes and for the Company's acquisitions) for 1996.

Earnings Per Common Share

Historical diluted earnings per common share increased 8.1% to \$1.46 in 1997 over pro forma diluted earnings per common share (pro forma only to provide for income taxes) of \$1.35 in 1996. Historical diluted earnings per common share for 1997 increased 27.0% over pro forma historical diluted earnings per common share (pro forma to provide for income taxes and the Company's acquisitions) for 1996. This larger increase was significantly influenced by the losses incurred by APLDDS prior to being acquired by the Company.

Year Ended December 31, 1996, Compared to Year Ended December 31, 1995

Revenue

Revenue totaled \$754.2 million for 1996, representing an increase of 826.5% over 1995. Without the acquisitions, Company revenues totaled \$85.2 million for 1996 for an increase of 4.7% over 1995. The minor increase in revenue without acquisitions is attributed principally to Hub Chicago's loss of a portion of a significant customer's business. This consumer product manufacturer moved the production of one of its major products to a facility that is now being served by one of the operating partnerships that comprise Hub Partnerships.

Pro forma revenue increased 5.3% to \$938.9 million from \$891.8 million in 1995. The 1995 pro forma revenue was impacted significantly by the addition of the revenue reported by APLDDS. The business acquired from APLDDS on May 2, 1996 had been experiencing significant decline during 1995 and the first quarter of 1996. This decline had a negative influence on the pro forma revenue growth rate.

Excluding the revenue relating to APLDDS prior to the acquisition on May 2, 1996, Hub Chicago and Hub Partnerships, on a combined basis assuming Hub Chicago had acquired Hub Partnerships on January 1, 1995, experienced a revenue increase of 25.7% to \$893.2 million in 1996 from \$710.8 million in 1995. This percentage increase is primarily attributable to strong growth in truckload brokerage and logistics as well as the acquisition of the APLDDS business.

Intermodal revenues, excluding APLDDS from all periods, increased moderately on a percentage basis.

Net Revenue

Net revenue as a percentage of revenue increased to 12.1% for 1996 compared to 7.7% in 1995. This increase is primarily a reflection of the higher net revenue as a percentage of revenue that is experienced by Hub Partnerships as compared to Hub Chicago. Hub Chicago has a larger proportion of high volume/low margin accounts than does Hub Partnerships.

Pro forma net revenue as a percentage of pro forma revenue increased to 11.9% in 1996 from 11.3% in 1995. On a pro forma basis, net revenue as a percentage of revenue for the APLDDS business was 7.3% and 4.1% for 1995 and the period January 1, 1996 through May 1, 1996, respectively. Management believes that the net revenue percentage on the transitioned APLDDS business has improved modestly over the APLDDS 1995 pro forma net revenue percentage. The lower pro forma percentages experienced by APLDDS causes the current year percentages to compare favorably to the prior year percentages. This favorable pro forma comparison is partially offset by the lower net revenue percentage experienced by the addition of new logistics customers in late 1995 and early 1996.

Salaries and Benefits

Salaries and benefits increased to \$43.9 million in 1996 from \$2.5 million in 1995. Pro forma salaries and benefits increased to \$55.9 million in 1996 from \$50.4 million in 1995. APLDDS was a division of APL Land Transport

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Services, Inc. ("APL") and consequently received much of its support services from APL. In return for these services, APLDDS was assessed a management fee. This arrangement had the effect of deflating salaries and benefits while inflating selling, general and administrative expenses. As a result, salaries and benefits reported by APLDDS in servicing their customers were lower as a percentage of revenue than traditionally experienced by the Company. For 1995 and the period January 1, 1996 through May 1, 1996, salaries and benefits as a percentage of revenue for APLDDS were 3.8% and 4.8%, respectively. Pro forma salaries and benefits as a percentage of pro forma revenue increased to 6.0% for 1996 from 5.7% in 1995, which is partially attributed to the historical cost structure of APLDDS. The Company's investment in additional personnel in 1996 also contributed to this increase. These additional personnel were hired to handle additional truckload brokerage and logistics business, to expand the local and national sales forces and to provide the financial and administrative services required for continued growth.

Selling, General and Administrative

Selling, general and administrative expenses increased to \$17.1 million in 1996 from \$1.2 million in 1995. Pro forma selling, general and administrative expenses decreased to \$23.2 million in 1996 from \$29.8 million in 1995. As a percentage of pro forma revenue these pro forma expenses were 2.5% in 1996 and 3.3% for 1995. As explained in "Salaries and Benefits," APLDDS received much of its support services through a management fee arrangement with APL. This caused the APLDDS historical selling, general and administrative expenses to be a significantly greater percentage of revenue than the percentage traditionally experienced by the Company. For 1995 and the period January 1, 1996, through May 1, 1996, selling, general and administrative expenses as a percentage of revenue for APLDDS were 7.3% and 6.0%, respectively.

Depreciation and Amortization

Depreciation and amortization expense increased to \$2.6 million in 1996 from a negligible amount in 1995. Pro forma depreciation and amortization increased to \$3.3 million in 1996 from \$3.1 million in 1995. As a percentage of pro forma revenue, pro forma depreciation and amortization increased to 0.4% in 1996 from 0.3% in 1995.

Other Income (Expense)

Interest expense was \$1.0 million in 1996 and zero in 1995. All of the interest expensed in 1996 was incurred subsequent to March 17, 1996. Pro forma interest expense increased to \$1.3 million in 1996 from \$1.2 million in 1995.

There were three primary components of interest expense. First, the Company assumed or issued \$13.2 million of five-year balloon notes in conjunction with the acquisition of Hub Partnerships in March 1996. These notes bear interest at an annual rate of 5.45%. Interest expense on these notes began to decline in the third quarter of 1996 as discretionary payments were made. Second, in conjunction with the acquisition of APLDDS in May 1996, the Company issued notes for \$6.0 million bearing interest at an annual rate of 6%. There were no payments made on these notes in 1996. Third, the Company has borrowed to purchase tractors as it continues its strategy of starting small drayage operations to service portions of its own business in those areas where it is needed to enhance customer service. The annual rate of interest on these loans is determined at the time each tractor is purchased at a rate equal to 3% over the two-year Treasury note rate.

Interest income was \$0.8 million in 1996 and \$0.1 million in 1995. Pro forma interest income was \$0.8 million in 1996 and \$0.7 million in 1995.

Minority Interest

Minority interest was \$16.4 million in 1996 and zero in 1995. On a proforma basis, minority interest was \$17.4 million in 1996 and \$11.7 million in 1995. Management estimates that 20% of the acquired APLDDS business has accrued to Hub Chicago. To calculate a proforma minority interest factor, it was

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estimated that the minority interest would accrue its 70% ownership in Hub Partnerships, which operates 80% of the APLDDS business. As such, minority interest as a percentage of income before minority interest and provision for income taxes of 56% was applied to pro forma income before minority interest for APLDDS for 1995 and the period January 1, 1996, through May 1, 1996.

On a pro forma basis, minority interest as a percentage of income before minority interest and provision for income taxes was 61.0% for 1996 and 69.2% for 1995. The higher minority interest percentage in 1995 was the result of the significant loss reported by APLDDS combined with a lower pro forma minority interest factor that was applied to that loss as compared to the factor applied to the rest of the Company's income.

Provision for Income Taxes

Provision for income taxes was \$4.3 million in 1996 and negligible in 1995. Other than an insignificant provision for Illinois replacement tax, the Company had no provision for income taxes prior to March 18, 1996, as the Company was a federally non-taxable subchapter S corporation. The Company is providing for income taxes at a net effective rate of 40% for all income subsequent to March 17, 1996.

Pro Forma Provision For Additional Income Taxes

Additional pro forma income taxes were \$0.2 million in 1996 and \$1.0 million in 1995. Additional pro forma provision for income taxes are shown to provide an assumed net effective federal and state income tax rate of 40% of income before taxes for periods prior to March 18, 1996.

Pro Forma Net Income

Pro forma net income (pro forma only regarding income taxes) increased to 6.8 million in 1996 from 1.6 million in 1995. Pro forma net income (pro forma to provide for income taxes and for the Company's acquisitions) increased

to \$6.7 million in 1996 from \$3.1 million in 1995. The increase in pro forma net income, which gives effect to the Company's acquisitions, is 113.3% when comparing 1996 to 1995. This large increase was significantly influenced by the losses incurred by APLDDS before being acquired by the Company.

Pro Forma Earnings Per Common Share

Pro forma diluted earnings per common share (pro forma only to provide for income taxes) increased to \$1.35 in 1996 from \$0.95 in 1995. Pro forma historical diluted earnings per common share (pro forma to provide for income taxes and for the Company's acquisitions) increased to \$1.15 in 1996 from \$0.59 in 1995. The increase in pro forma earnings per common share, which gives effect to the Company's acquisitions, is 94.9%. This large increase was significantly influenced by the losses incurred by APLDDS before being acquired by the Company.

LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

During 1997, the Company had two significant transactions that affected liquidity. These transactions were the secondary offering of the Company's Class A common stock and the subsequent purchase of the remaining 70% minority interest in Hub Los Angeles and Hub Golden Gate. These two transactions represented a cash inflow of \$54.8 million and a cash outflow of \$59.4 million. The \$59.4 million was recorded as goodwill and will be deducted for tax purposes over a 15-year period.

The Company had capital expenditures of \$8.5 million during 1997. Capital expenditures are principally made to enhance or expand the Company's information systems and network capabilities and, earlier in the year, to purchase tractors to support the Company-owned drayage operations. Part of the Company's strategy is to supplement third party drayage operations with Company-owned tractors to service portions of the Company's intermodal business in those locations where drayage service is limited or where customers require an enhanced level of service which cannot be competitively accommodated by a third-party provider. During 1997, the Company began utilizing operating leases to fulfill it needs for additional tractors.

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The Company maintains a bank line of credit for \$5.0 million. The interest rate is set at the bank's discretion at a rate less than or equal to the bank's prime rate. At December 31, 1997, the rate was 8%. As of December 31, 1997, the unused and available portion of this credit line was \$5.0 million.

In September 1997, the Company obtained an unsecured \$36.0 million five-year revolving line of credit with a bank. The amount available under the line will decrease by \$5.4 million at the beginning of year three and by \$7.2 million at the beginning of each of years four and five. The Company can borrow at the prime rate on a day-to-day basis or may borrow for 30, 60, 90 or 180 day periods at LIBOR (London Interbank Offered Rate) plus 0.80% to 1.25% based on the Company's funded debt to EBITDA (earnings before interest expense, income taxes, depreciation and amortization) ratio. The line of credit agreement contains certain customary covenants. As of December 31, 1997, the unused and available portion of this credit line was \$36.0 million. On January 1, 1998, the Company borrowed \$15.0 million on the line and used the proceeds to pay off the \$15.0 million note issued in December 1996 related to the Company's purchase of the remaining 70% minority interest in Hub North Central.

OUTLOOK, RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

This "Outlook, Risks and Uncertainties" section contains statements regarding expectations, hopes, beliefs, intentions or strategies regarding the future which are forward looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 and involve risks and uncertainties described below that could cause actual results to differ materially from those projected. The Company assumes no liability to update any such forward-looking statements. In addition to those mentioned elsewhere in this section, such risks and uncertainties include the impact of competitive pressures in the

marketplace, the degree and rate of market growth in the markets served by the Company, changes in industry-wide capacity, further consolidation of rail carriers, changes in governmental regulation, changes in the cost of services from vendors and fluctuations in interest rates.

Year 2000

Based on management's recent assessment, the Company has determined that it is required to modify portions of its software so that its computer systems will properly utilize dates beyond December 31, 1999. If such upgrades or modifications are not made, or are not made in a timely manner, the Year 2000 issue could have a material adverse effect on the Company's results of operations, financial condition and liquidity. In the event that any of the Company's significant suppliers or customers does not successfully and timely achieve Year 2000 compliance, there could be a material adverse effect on the Company's results of operations, financial condition and liquidity.

The Company will utilize both internal and external resources to reprogram and test software for Year 2000 compliance. The Company plans to complete the Year 2000 project not later than December 31, 1998. The Year 2000 total project cost is estimated to range from \$1.0 million to \$1.5 million. Costs are expected to be expensed as incurred. The Company had not incurred significant costs prior to December 31, 1997.

Triggered Call Options

The Company plans to consolidate all of its Texas operations into one entity after it exercises its options to purchase the remaining 70% minority interests in Hub Rio Grande, Hub Houston and Hub Dallas. The Company estimates that these three minority interest purchases will cost \$6.0 million in total.

Revenue

Management believes there are two significant factors that could negatively influence the Company's revenue growth rate. First, the service disruption in the intermodal industry that peaked in the fourth quarter of 1997 has not yet been fully rectified. Although there has been improvement in the first quarter of 1998, management cannot predict when normal service levels will be restored. Furthermore, due to this service disruption, there may be some customers who switched from using the Company's intermodal service to other carriers' over-the-road service. These customers may choose to continue to utilize these carriers even when intermodal service levels are restored. Second, the Company terminated its contract to provide third-party logistics to a

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significant customer in January 1998. This customer accounted for \$32.5 million of the Company's revenue in 1997. Revenue should be positively impacted if the Company should complete its proposed acquisition of Quality, which had revenue of approximately \$70 million in 1997.

Net Revenue

Management expects fluctuations in the net revenue percentage from quarter-to-quarter caused by changes in business mix, changes in highway brokerage margins, changes in logistics business margins, changes in trailer and container capacity, changes in vendor pricing, changes in intermodal industry growth, changes in intermodal industry service levels and changes in accounting estimates.

Salaries and Benefits

It is anticipated that salaries and benefits as a percentage of revenue could fluctuate from quarter-to-quarter as there are timing differences between revenue increases and changes in levels of staffing. Factors that could affect the percentage from staying in the recent historical range are revenue growth rates significantly higher or lower than forecasted, a management decision to

invest in additional personnel to stimulate new or existing businesses or changes in customer requirements which could result in a lower or higher cost of labor per move.

Selling, General and Administrative

There are several factors that could cause selling, general and administrative expenses to increase as a percentage of revenue. Should management decide that customer expectations and the competitive environment require restructuring of its information systems and related platforms, there could be significant expenses incurred, some of which would not be capitalized. Costs incurred to formulate the Company's strategy as well as any costs that would be identified as reengineering or training would be expensed. The Company also expects to spend approximately \$1.0 million to \$1.5 million in programming costs to make its systems compliant with Year 2000 requirements.

Depreciation and Amortization

Management estimates that as a percentage of revenue, depreciation and amortization will increase in the future. Factors that will cause an increase in the percentage are increased leasehold improvement amortization as operating companies transition to larger facilities, increased software amortization related to the new packages in the truckload brokerage and logistics businesses and a full year of goodwill amortization associated with the minority interests purchased in September 1997 related to Hub Los Angeles and Hub Golden Gate. Should the Company complete its proposed acquisition of Quality, the Company will incur additional goodwill amortization. Should the Company carry out its plan to purchase the remaining 70% minority interests related to Hub Rio Grande, Hub Dallas and Hub Houston, the Company will incur additional goodwill amortization. Factors that could cause an increase in the percentage are additional acquisitions or minority interest purchases as well as increased depreciation expense on any capitalized costs that could be incurred in conjunction with a change in the Company's information systems strategy.

Other Income (Expense)

Management estimates interest expense will increase primarily due to the increase in debt that will result if the Company completes its proposed acquisition of Quality and concurrently exercises its call options to purchase the remaining 70% minority interests in Hub Rio Grande, Hub Houston and Hub Dallas. The Company estimates that these transactions will increase debt by approximately \$16.4 million.

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Management estimates that interest income will likely decrease from current levels. Factors that could cause such a decrease are the possible use of cash to (i) make payments on the balloon notes, (ii) make payments on the APLDDS notes, (iii) make payments on the Company's line of credit, (iv) fund the purchase of the remaining minority interest in any of its operating partnerships, (v) fund working capital needs and (vi) fund capital expenditures.

Minority Interest

Factors that could have a material impact and result in minority interest percentages of income before minority interest to be outside the historical range are (i) the exercise of any of the Company's options to purchase the remaining minority interest in any of its operating companies and (ii) disproportionate changes in the profitability of businesses between those which are owned 100% by the Company and those which are owned less than 100% by the Company. The purchase of the remaining minority interests in Hub Los Angeles and Hub Golden Gate in September 1997, assuming all other factors affecting minority interest are equal, should cause minority interest as a percentage of income before minority interest to decline. The decline in this percentage should be even greater if the Company exercises its existing triggered call options for Hub Rio Grande, Hub Houston and Hub Dallas.

Management believes the Company will continue to see downward pressure on diluted earnings per common share in 1998 as the railroad industry continues to rectify its the well-publicized intermodal service problems that peaked during the fourth quarter of 1997. Diluted earnings per common share were \$0.40 in the fourth quarter of 1996 and dropped to \$0.36 in the fourth quarter of 1997. The first quarter of 1997 resulted in diluted earnings per common share of \$0.33. It is management's belief that diluted earnings per common share in the first quarter of 1998 will decrease \$0.10 to \$0.13 from the same quarter in 1997. A decline in diluted earnings per common share from the prior year will likely continue until the intermodal industry recovers from its service problems and reestablishes itself as a dependable service provider.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

The Company has the continuing option, exercisable any time after the local in-charge executive currently associated with an operating partnership ceases to be an employee, to purchase the remaining interest in that partnership. The future exercise of such options could result in the need for significant funds. Those funds may come from existing cash, third-party debt, other financing or any combination thereof.

The Company expects to complete the acquisition of Quality as well as exercise its call options related to Hub Rio Grande, Hub Dallas and Hub Houston. Management believes its line of credit will be sufficient to fund the cash requirements related to these transactions.

The Company believes that cash, cash to be provided by operations and cash available under its lines of credit will be sufficient to meet the Company's short-term working capital and capital expenditure needs. The Company believes that the aforementioned items are sufficient to meet its anticipated long-term working capital, capital expenditure and debt repayment needs through at least the year 2002.

Item 7A. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK None.

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Item 8. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

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To the Stockholders of Hub Group, Inc.:

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Hub Group, Inc. (a Delaware corporation) and subsidiaries as of December 31, 1997 and 1996 and the related consolidated statements of operations, stockholders' equity and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 1997. These financial statements and schedule referred to below are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements and schedule based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Hub Group, Inc. and subsidiaries as of December 31, 1997 and 1996, and the results of its operations and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 1997, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The schedule on page S-1 is presented for purposes of complying with the Securities and Exchange Commissions rules and is not part of the basic financial statements. This schedule has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, fairly states in all material respects the financial data required to be set forth therein in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

ARTHUR ANDERSEN LLP

Chicago, Illinois February 15, 1998 (except with respect to the matter discussed in Note 16, as to which the date is February 20, 1998)

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HUB GROUP, INC.
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(in thousands)

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	Decemb	er or,
	1997	1996
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 12,056	\$ 13,893
Accounts receivable, net	127,673	114,125
Deferred taxes	1,222	
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	1,961	3,532
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	142,912	131,550
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, net	19,616	15,105

GOODWILL, net DEFERRED TAXES OTHER ASSETS	102,151 2,479 668	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 267,826	\$ 201,225
	======	=======
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
CURRENT LIABILITIES:		
Accounts payable	0 100 064	04 004
Trade	\$ 102,364	\$ 94,884
Other	12,639	8,144
Accrued expenses	6 013	4 000
Payroll Other	6,013	4,988 3,186
	3,259	3,186
Deferred taxes	2 420	1,00,
Current portion of long-term debt	3,428	3,164
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	127,703	115,673
LONG-TERM DEBT, EXCLUDING CURRENT PORTION CONTINGENCIES AND COMMITMENTS	22,873	28,714
MINORITY INTEREST	6 700	10,714
STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY:	0,700	10,/14
Preferred stock	_	
Common stock	77	5.0
Additional paid-in capital	100 878	59 55 , 083
Purchase price in excess of predecessor basis	(25, 764)	(25,764) 10,306
Tax benefit of purchase price in excess of predecessor basis	10 306	10,306
Retained earnings	.,	6,440
Notation Califings		•
TOTAL STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	110,462	46,124
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	\$ 267,826	
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The accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements are an integral part of these balance sheets.

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HUB GROUP, INC. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (in thousands, except per share amounts)

	Years Ended December 31,					
	1997	1996 	1995 			
REVENUE: Trade Affiliates	\$ 1,064,479	\$ 750,784 3,459	\$ 66,696 14,712			
Total revenue	1,064,479	754,243	81,408			
TRANSPORTATION COSTS	934,624	662,679	75,142			
Net revenue	129,855	91,564	6,266			
COSTS AND EXPENSES: Salaries and benefits Selling, general and administrative Depreciation and amortization	27,478	43,913 17,147 2,579				
Total costs and expenses	96,360	63,639	3,699			
Operating income	33,495	27 , 925	2,567			
OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE): Interest expense Interest income Other, net		(996) 786 (11)	- 71 -			
Total other income (expense)	(626)	(221)	71			

Income before minority interest and provision for income taxes	 32,869		27,704	 2,638
Minority interest	 16,995		16,366	 -
Income before provision for income taxes	15,874		11,338	2,638
Provision for income taxes	 6,349		4,294	 39
Historical net income	\$ 9,525	\$	7,044	\$ 2 , 599
Historical basic earnings per common share	1.48		1.41	\$ 1.56
Historical diluted earnings per common share	\$ 1.46	\$	1.39	1.56
Pro forma provision for additional income taxes			241	 1,016
Pro forma net income		\$ ===	6,803 =====	\$ 1,583
Pro forma basic earnings per common share		\$	1.36	0.95
Pro forma diluted earnings per common share		\$	1.35	\$

The accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements are an integral part of these statements.

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HUB GROUP, INC
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY
For the three years ended December 31, 1997
(in thousands, except shares)

				Price in Excess of	Tax Benefit of Purchase Price in Excess of Predecessor	Dataiand	Stockholders'
	Shares	Amount		Basis			Equity
Balance at January 1, 1995	200		\$ 17	ş –			\$ 1,769
Net income Distributions to stockholders	_		-	-		2,599	2,599 (3,205)
Issuance of common stock		1	1	-	-	(3,203)	(3,203)
Balance at December 31, 1995	300	26	18			1,121	1,165
Net income	-	-	-	-	-	7,044	7,044
Distributions to stockholders Issuance of common stock in	-	(25)	(17)	-	-	(1,725)	(1,767)
acquisition	1,662,296	-	-	-	-	-	-
Retirement of shares acquired Sale of common stock in	(200)	-	-	-	-	-	-
initial public offering, net Acquisition of general	4,261,250	59	55,083	-	-	-	55,142
partnership interests	-	-	-	(25,764)	10,306	-	(15,458)
Purchase of common stock	(100)	(1)	(1)	-	-	-	(2)
Balance at December 31, 1996 Net income	5,923,546	59 -	55,083		10,306		46,124 9,525
Sale of common stock in initial public offering, net	-	-	(45)	-	-	-	(45)
Sale of common stock in secondary offering, net Exercise of non-qualified	1,725,000	18	54,745	-	-	-	54,763
stock options	4,700	-	95	-	-	-	95
Balance at December 31, 1997	7,653,246	\$ 77	\$ 109,878	\$ (25,764)	\$ 10,306	\$ 15,965	\$ 110,462

The accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements are an integral part of these statements.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (in thousands)

	Years Ended December 31,						
		1997		1996		1995	
Cash flows from operating activities:							
Net income Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:	\$	9,525	Ş	7,044	ş	2,599	
Depreciation and amortization		5,688		2,786		46	
Deferred taxes		6,349		2,722		=	
Minority interest		16,995		16,366		-	
Gain on sale of assets		(107)		2,722 16,366 (59)		=	
Changes in working capital, net of effects of purchase transactions:							
Accounts receivable, net				(29,976)		(757)	
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		1,583		(1,801)		14	
Accounts payable		11,759		20,001		(629)	
Accrued expenses		1,023 303		2,549		(44)	
Other assets		303		(106)		48	
Net cash provided by operations		39,455		20,376		1,277	
Cash flows from investing activities:							
Cash used in acquisitions, net		(164)		(37 /59)		_	
Purchases of minority interest		(60.955)		(2,513)		_	
Purchases of property and equipment, net		(8,488)		(7,862)		(98)	
						- - (98)	
Net cash used in investing activities		(69,607)		(47,834)		(98)	
Cash flows from financing activities:							
Proceeds from sale of common stock in initial public offering, net		(45)		52,945		_	
Proceeds from sale of common stock in secondary offering, net		54,763		-		-	
Proceeds from sale of common stock		95		-		2	
Purchase of common stock		-		(2)		-	
Distributions to stockholders		-		(1,104) (5,814)		(3,205)	
Distributions to minority interest		(20,921)		(5,814)		-	
Payments on long-term debt		(6,409)		(7.271)		-	
Proceeds from issuance of long-term debt		832		2,595		=	
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities		28,315		41,349		(3,203)	
Net increase/(decrease) in cash		(1 027)		13,891		(2.024)	
Net increase/(decrease) in cash Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period		(1,837)		13,891		2,024)	
cash and cash equivarents, beginning of period		13,693		2		2,026	
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$			13,893		2	
Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information Cash paid for:							
Interest	\$	342	\$	117	\$	_	
Income taxes		386		2,344		41	
Non-cash investing and financing activities:							
Notes payable issued as distributions to stockholders	\$	-	\$	663	\$		
				14 070			
Note payable issued to purchase minority interest		-		14,970		_	

The accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements are an integral part of these statements.

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HUB GROUP, INC.

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1. Description of Business and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies $\,$

Business: Hub Group, Inc. and its subsidiaries (the "Company") provide intermodal transportation services utilizing third party arrangements with railroads and drayage companies. The Company also arranges for transportation of freight by truck and performs logistics services.

Principles of Consolidation: The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Hub Group, Inc. and all entities in which the Company has more than a 50% equity ownership or otherwise exercises unilateral control. All significant intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated.

Cash and cash equivalents: The Company considers as cash equivalents all highly liquid instruments with an original maturity of three months or less. Checks outstanding, net, of approximately \$6,425,000 and \$1,548,000 at December 31,

1997 and 1996, respectively, are included in accounts payable.

Receivables: The Company's reserve for uncollectible accounts receivable was approximately \$303,000 and \$405,000 at December 31, 1997, and 1996, respectively.

Property and Equipment: Property and equipment are stated at cost. Depreciation of property and equipment is computed using the straight-line and various accelerated methods at rates adequate to depreciate the cost of applicable assets over their expected useful lives: buildings and improvements 15 to 40 years; leasehold improvements the shorter of useful life or lease term; computer equipment and software 3 to 5 years; furniture and equipment 3 to 10 years; and transportation equipment and automobiles 3 to 12 years. Direct costs related to internally developed software projects are capitalized and amortized over the expected useful life on a straight-line basis not to exceed five years, commencing when the asset is placed into service. Maintenance and repairs are charged to operations as incurred and major improvements are capitalized. The cost of assets retired or otherwise disposed of and the accumulated depreciation thereon are removed from the accounts with any gain or loss realized upon sale or disposal charged or credited to operations.

Goodwill: Goodwill is amortized on the straight-line method over 40 years. On an ongoing basis, the Company estimates the future undiscounted cash flows before interest of the operating units to which goodwill relates in order to evaluate impairment. If impairment exists, the carrying amount of the goodwill is reduced by the estimated shortfall of cash flows. The Company has not experienced any impairment of goodwill. Accumulated goodwill amortization was \$2,050,000 and \$525,000 as of December 31, 1997 and 1996, respectively.

Concentration of Credit Risk: The Company's financial instruments that are exposed to concentrations of credit risk consist primarily of cash and cash equivalents and trade accounts receivable. The Company places its cash and temporary investments with high quality financial institutions. At times, such investments may be in excess of the FDIC insurance limit. Temporary investments are valued at the lower of cost or market and at the balance sheet dates approximate fair market value. The Company primarily serves customers located throughout the United States with no significant concentration in any one region. No one customer accounted for more than 10% of revenue in 1996 and 1997. One customer in the food industry accounted for approximately 30% of revenue in 1995. Another customer in the consumer household products industry accounted for 11.2% of revenue in 1995. The Company reviews a customer's credit history before extending credit. In addition, the Company routinely assesses the financial strength of its customers and, as a consequence, believes that its trade accounts receivable risk is limited.

Revenue Recognition: Revenue represents sales of services to customers. Revenue is recognized based on relative transit time.

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Income Taxes: Prior to March 18, 1996, the Company had elected to be taxed as an S corporation under the Internal Revenue Code. The income of an S corporation is taxable to its stockholders rather than the Company itself. Income tax expense incurred prior to March 18, 1996, represents Illinois replacement tax. On March 18, 1996, the Company became a taxable C corporation. The pro forma provision for additional income taxes was calculated assuming the Company was operating as a taxable C corporation since January 1, 1995. The Company accounts for certain income and expense items differently for financial reporting and income tax purposes. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are determined based on the difference between the financial statement and tax bases of assets and liabilities applying enacted statutory tax rates in effect for the year in which the differences are expected to reverse.

Earnings Per Common Share: In February 1997, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued Financial Accounting Standard No. 128 ("SFAS 128") addressing earnings per share. SFAS 128 changed the methodology of calculating earnings per share and requires disclosure of basic earnings per share and diluted earnings per share. The company adopted SFAS 128 in December 1997 and has retroactively

restated all periods presented. Basic earnings per common share are based on the average quarterly weighted average number of Class A and Class B shares of common stock outstanding. Diluted earnings per common share are adjusted for the assumed exercise of dilutive stock options. In computing the per share effect of assumed exercise, funds which would have been received from the exercise of options, including tax benefits assumed to be realized, are considered to have been used to purchase shares at current market prices, and the resulting net additional shares are included in the calculation of weighted average shares outstanding.

Distributions: During the period prior to March 18, 1996, the Company operated as an S corporation and made periodic distributions of income to its stockholders which are reflected in the accompanying statements of stockholders' equity.

Use of Estimates: The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expense during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Reclassifications: Certain items previously reported have been reclassified to conform with the 1997 presentation.

NOTE 2. Capital Structure

On March 8, 1995, Hub Group, Inc. was incorporated and issued 100 shares of Class A common stock to the sole incorporator. On March 18, 1996, Hub Group, Inc. purchased Hub City Terminals, Inc. ("Hub Chicago") in a stock-for-stock acquisition through the issuance of 1,000,000 shares of the Company's Class A common stock and 662,296 shares of the Company's Class B common stock. The rights of holders of Class A common stock and Class B common stock are identical, except each share of Class B common stock entitles its holder to 20 votes, while each share of Class A common stock entitles its holder to one vote. Hub Chicago has been accounted for similar to the pooling of interests method of accounting and has been included in all periods presented on a historical cost basis.

Concurrent with the acquisition of Hub Chicago in March 1996, the Company completed the initial public offering of 4,261,250 shares of its Class A common stock, with net proceeds to the Company of approximately \$52,945,000. Coincident with the initial public offering, a selling stockholder sold 1,000,000 shares of the Company's Class A common stock through a secondary offering. The Company did not receive any net proceeds from the sale of the shares by the selling stockholder.

Concurrent with the initial public offering, Hub Group, Inc., together with its new wholly owned subsidiary, Hub Chicago, acquired with cash a

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controlling interest in each of 27 operating partnerships (collectively referred to as "Hub Partnerships"). The combined financial statements of Hub Partnerships, the predecessor to the majority of the business of the Company, are included under Item 14 of the Company's Form 10-K, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

In September 1997, the Company completed a secondary offering of 1,725,000 shares of its Class A Common Stock. The net proceeds of the offering were \$54.8 million.

NOTE 3. Business Combinations

On March 18, 1996, the Company acquired a controlling interest in Hub Partnerships for a total purchase price of approximately \$43,309,000 in cash. The purchase price of these acquisitions was allocated to the assets acquired

and liabilities assumed based on the fair value at the date of acquisition using the purchase method of accounting.

The portion of the difference between fair value and historical cost of individual assets acquired and liabilities assumed attributable to interests acquired by the Company from non-control group stockholders was recorded at fair market value. This resulted in goodwill of approximately \$17,207,000. The remaining portion of the difference between fair value and historical cost attributable to interests acquired from control group stockholders, approximately \$25,764,000, has been charged to equity as purchase price in excess of predecessor basis.

In connection with the purchase of the controlling interest in Hub Partnerships, approximately \$10,306,000 has been recorded as a deferred tax benefit utilizing an assumed effective tax rate of 40% representing the tax effect of the purchase price in excess of predecessor basis, with the corresponding credit recorded as an increase to equity.

On May 2, 1996, the Company purchased the rights to service the customers of American President Lines Domestic Distribution Services, a division of APL Land Transport Services, Inc., for approximately \$8,000,000. The \$8,000,000 was financed with \$2,000,000 in cash and \$6,000,000 in notes. The notes bear interest at an annual rate of 6% with three equal annual principal payments due beginning May 2, 1997. The acquisition was recorded using the purchase method of accounting resulting in goodwill of approximately \$8,090,000.

On October 31, 1997, the Company acquired the remaining 50% interest in its international logistics joint venture, HLX Company, LLC for \$300,000. The acquisition was recorded using the purchase method of accounting resulting in goodwill of \$466,000.

Results of operations from acquisitions recorded under the purchase method of accounting are included in the Company's financial statements from their respective dates of acquisition. The purchase price allocations presented are preliminary.

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The following summarizes the effects of businesses acquired and accounted for as purchases in 1996 as if they had been acquired as of January 1, 1995:

(Unaudited)

	Years Ended December 31,					
		1996		1995		
		(00	0's)		
Revenue as reported Revenue of purchased businesses for period prior to	\$	754,243	\$	81,408		
acquisitions, net of eliminations		184,660		810,343		
Pro forma revenue	\$ 	938,903	\$	891,751		
Historical net income as reported Net income (loss) of purchased businesses for	\$	7,044	\$	2,599		
period prior to acquisitions Adjustment for goodwill amortization		(260) (96)		920 (383)		
Pro forma net income	\$	6,688	\$	3,136		
Historical diluted earnings per share as reported	\$	1.39	\$	1.56		

Effect of purchased businesses prior to acquisitions	(0.24)	(0.97)		
Pro forma historical diluted earnings per share	\$ 1.15	\$	0.59	

Business acquisitions which involved the use of cash were accounted for as follows:

	Years Ended December 31,					
	1997			1996		
		(000's)				
Accounts receivable	\$	(115)	\$	75,576		
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		12		1,584		
Property and equipment		79		9,308		
Goodwill		466		25 , 297		
Deferred tax benefit, net		_		10,575		
Other assets		13		628		
Accounts payable		(216)		(74,694)		
Accrued expenses		(75)		(5 , 190)		
Long-term debt		_		(20,921)		
Minority interest		_		(162)		
Purchase price in excess of predecessor basis		_		25,764		
Tax benefit of purchase price in excess of predecessor basis		-		(10,306)		
Cash used in acquisitions, net	\$	164	\$	37,459		

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NOTE 4. Earnings per Share

The following is a reconciliation of the Company's Earnings per Share:

	Year Ended December 31, 1997		Year Ended December 31, 1996						
	(00	00's)		(00	0's)		(000's)		
	Income		Per-Share Amount	Income		Per-Share Amount	Income	Shares	Per-Share Amount
Historical Basic EPS Income available to common stockholders	\$9,525	6,420	\$1.48	\$7,044	5,000	\$1.41	\$2,599	1,662	\$1.56
Effect of Dilutive Securities Stock options	-	114	=	-	58	=	-	-	=
Historical Diluted EPS Income available to common stockholders plus assumed exercises	\$9,525	6,534	\$1.46	\$7,044	5,058	\$1.39	\$2,599	1,662	\$1.56

NOTE 5. Purchases of Minority Interest

On August 1, 1996, the Company purchased the remaining 70% minority interest in Hub City Tennessee, L.P. for approximately \$2,513,000 in cash.

On December 12, 1996, the Company purchased the remaining 70% minority interest in Hub City North Central, L.P. in exchange for a note for approximately \$14,970,000.

On March 1, 1997, the Company purchased an approximate 44% minority interest in Hub Group Distribution Services for approximately \$1,576,000 in cash.

On September 17, 1997, the Company purchased the remaining 70% minority interests in Hub City Los Angeles, L.P. and Hub City Golden Gate, L.P. for approximately \$59,379,000 in cash.

On October 31, 1997, the Company purchased the remaining 70% minority interest in Hub City New Orleans, L.P. for one dollar.

As the amount paid for each of the purchases of minority interest equaled the basis in excess of the fair market value of assets acquired and liabilities assumed, the amount paid was recorded as goodwill.

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NOTE 6. Property and Equipment

Property and equipment consist of the following:

	Years Ended December 3 1997 1996			
	(000's)			
Land	\$	56	\$	92
Building and improvements		233		841
Leasehold improvements		886		629
Computer equipment and software	14,512 8,			
Furniture and equipment	4,172 3,			
Transportation equipment and automobiles	5,828 4,5			4,541
	2	5 , 687		17 , 827
Less: Accumulated depreciation and amortization	(6,071)		(2,722)
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, net	\$ 1 =====	9,616 =====	\$	15,105

NOTE 7. Income Taxes

The following is a reconciliation of the Company's effective tax rate to the federal statutory tax rate:

	Years Ended De	1996
U.S. federal statutory rate State taxes, net of federal benefit	34.0% 6.0	34.0% 6.0
Income earned as non-taxable Subchapter S corporation prior to March 18, 1996	-	(2.1)
Net effective rate	40.0%	37.9%

The following is a summary of the Company's provision for income taxes:

Y	ears 199	Ended		mber 996	31,
		(000)'s)		
\$		-	\$	1,3	36
				1 6	72

Current Federal State and local

Deferred		
Federal	5,397	2,31
State and local	952	408
	6,349	2,72
Total provision	\$ 6,349	\$ 4,29

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The following is a summary of the Company's deferred tax assets and liabilities:

	Years Ended 1997			•
	(000's)			
Reserve for uncollectible accounts receivable Accrued compensation Net operating loss carryforward	\$	361 172 2,635		206
Current deferred tax asset		3,168		358
Property and equipment Income tax basis in excess of financial basis of goodwill		1,851 11,012		
Long-term deferred tax asset		12,863		20,376
Total deferred tax asset	\$	16,031		
Prepaids Receivables		(53) (1,893)		
Current deferred tax liability		(1,946)		(1,665)
Goodwill		(10,384)		(9,019)
Total deferred tax liability	\$	(12,330)	\$	(10,684)

NOTE 8. Long-Term Debt and Financing Arrangements

Fair value approximates book value at the balance sheet dates.

	Years Ended December 31,			
		1997		1996
		(00)	0's)	
Installment notes payable due through 2001, monthly installments ranging from \$365 - \$16,898, including interest, ranging from 2.9%	^	0.040	٨	0.076
to 10.9%, collateralized by certain equipment Unsecured balloon notes, interest compounded annually at 5.45%, interest and	\$	2,948	Ş	2,976
principal due March, 2001 (see Note 12)		4,032		7,533
Mortgage note payable due in 1998 with monthly installments of \$2,381, including interest at 8.5%, collateralized by certain property Notes payable due in three equal annual principal payments of \$2,000,000		195		206
beginning on May 2, 1997, interest is due at the time the principal is paid at 6% compounded annually Note payable due January 1, 1998, with interest at an annual rate of 7% (see		4,000		6,000
Note 12 and below)		14,970		14,970
Capital lease obligations, collateralized by certain equipment		156		193
Total long-term debt Less current portion		26,301 (3,428)		31,878 (3,164)
	\$	22,873	\$	28,714

Aggregate principal payments, in thousands, due subsequent to December 31, 1997, are as follows:

1998	\$ 3,428
1999	3,068
2000	729
2001	4,106
2002	14,970
	\$ 26,301

On March 18, 1996, the Company assumed a line of credit for \$5,000,000 which was unused at December 31, 1997 and 1996. At December 31, 1997, the interest rate was 8.00%. The interest rate is set at the bank's discretion at a rate less than or equal to the bank's prime rate. Borrowings are secured by certain assets. The line of credit has no expiration date. In October 1996, the Company authorized the issuance of a standby letter of credit for \$1,000,000, which has no expiration date.

On September 17, 1997, the Company closed on an unsecured \$36.0 million five-year revolving line of credit with a bank. The amount available under the line will decrease by \$5.4 million at the beginning of year three and by \$7.2 million at the beginning of each of years four and five. The Company can borrow at the prime rate on a day-to-day basis or may borrow for 30, 60, 90 or 180 day periods at LIBOR (London Interbank Offered Rate) plus 0.80% to 1.25% based on the Company's funded debt to EBITDA (earnings before interest expense, income taxes, depreciation and amortization) ratio. The credit facility also contains certain financial covenants which, among others, requires that the Company maintain required levels of EBITDA, funded debt to EBITDA, fixed charge coverage and current assets to current liabilities. In addition, there are limitations on additional indebtedness as well as acquisitions and minority interest purchases. The Company was in compliance with these covenants at December 31, 1997. The line was unused at December 31, 1997.

NOTE 9. Rental Expense and Lease Commitments

Minimum annual rental commitments, in thousands, at December 31, 1997, under noncancellable operating leases, principally for real estate and equipment, are payable as follows:

1998	\$ 4,098
1999	3,429
2000	2,807
2001	2,275
2002	1,444
2003	26
	\$ 14,079

Total rental expense was approximately \$4,535,000, \$2,773,000 and \$121,000 for 1997, 1996 and 1995, respectively. Many of the leases contain renewal options and escalation clauses which require payments of additional rent to the extent of increases in the related operating costs.

NOTE 10. Stock-Based Compensation Plan

Concurrent with the initial public offering the Company adopted a Long-Term Incentive Plan (the "1996 Incentive Plan"). The number of shares of Class A Common Stock reserved for issuance under the 1996 Incentive Plan was 450,000. Concurrent with the secondary offering the Company adopted a second

Long-Term Incentive Plan (the "1997 Incentive Plan"). The number of shares of Class A Common Stock reserved for issuance under the 1997 Incentive Plan was 150,000. Under the 1996 and 1997 Incentive Plans, stock options, stock appreciation rights, restricted stock and performance units may be granted for the purpose of attracting and motivating key employees and non-employee directors of the Company. The options granted to non-employee directors vest ratably over a three-year period and expire 10 years after the date of grant.

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The Company currently utilizes Accounting Principles Board Opinion No. 25 in its accounting for stock options. In October, 1995, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123 ("Statement 123"), "Accounting for Stock-based Compensation." The accounting method as provided in the pronouncement is not required to be adopted; however, it is encouraged. The Company is not adopting the accounting provisions of Statement 123. Had the Company accounted for its stock options in accordance with Statement 123, pro forma net income and pro forma earnings per share would have been:

		Ended 997	mber 1996	31,
Pro forma net income as reported (000's)	9	,525	6,80	3
Pro forma net income pro forma for Statement 123 (000's) Historical basic earnings per common share pro forma for		,261	6,59	9
Statement 123	\$	1.44	\$ 1.3	32
Historical diluted earnings per common share pro forma for Statement 123	\$	1.42	\$ 1.3	30

The pro forma disclosure is not likely to be indicative of pro forma results which may be expected in future years because of the fact that options vest over several years, pro forma compensation expense is recognized as the options vest and additional awards may also be granted.

For purposes of determining the pro forma effect of these options, the fair value of each option is estimated on the date of grant based on the Black-Scholes single-option pricing model assuming:

	Years Ended 1997 	December 31, 1996
Dividend yield Risk-free interest rate Volatility factor Expected life in years	0.0% 5.8% 40.0% 6.0	0.0% 6.5% 25.0% 6.0

Information regarding these option plans for 1997 and 1996 is as follows:

	Shares		ted Avg. ise Price	Shares		hted Avg. cise Price		
Options outstanding, beginning of year Options exercised Options granted Options forfeited	357,500 (4,700) 49,000	\$	14.00 14.00 29.23	- - 362,500 (5,000)	\$	14.00 14.00		
Options outstanding, end of year Weighted-average fair value of options granted during the year Option price range at end of year Option price for exercised shares Options available for grant at end of year	\$ 11.02 \$14.00 to \$31.25 \$ 14.00 193,500	\$	15.86	357,500 \$ 5.54 \$ 14.00 \$ - 92,500	\$	14.00		

The following table summarizes information about options outstanding at December 31, 1997:

Options Outstanding							Exerc	isable	
Range of Exercise Prices		Number of Shares	Weighted Avg. Remaining Contractual Life	Weighted Avg. Exercise Price		Number of Shares	Weighted Avg. Exercise Price		
\$ \$ \$	14.00 29.00 31.25	352,800 44,000 5,000	8.19 9.82 9.90	\$	14.00 29.00 31.25	71,600 - -	\$	14.00	
\$14.	.00 to \$31.25	401,800	8.39	\$	15.86	71,600	\$	14.00	

NOTE 11. Profit-Sharing Plan

The Company has numerous profit-sharing plans and trusts under section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code. Generally, for every dollar the employee contributes, the Company will contribute an additional \$.20 up to \$100. In addition, the Company may make a profit sharing contribution at its discretion. Historically, the Company has contributed an amount equal to 3% of each participant's compensation up to a maximum of \$4,800. The Company's contributions to the Plan were approximately \$1,163,000, \$704,000 and \$50,000 for 1997, 1996 and 1995, respectively.

NOTE 12. Related Party Transactions

In connection with the acquisition of a controlling interest in each of the Hub Partnerships, the Company paid cash to the Class B Common Stock ("Class B") stockholders, some of whom are officers of the Company, as well as officers of the Company who are not Class B stockholders, totaling approximately \$16,571,000. The Company, related to this acquisition, also assumed balloon notes that are payable, in part, to the above related parties totaling approximately \$4,758,000. Approximately 33% of the balloon notes payable at December 31, 1997 and 1996, is due to the related parties. The Class B stockholders have voting control over the Company. The same related parties described above also continue to receive approximately 33% of minority interest distributions of income from the Company. Furthermore, these parties received cash and notes from the Company totaling approximately \$24,366,000 when it acquired minority interest in Hub City Tennessee, L.P., Hub City North Central, L.P., Hub City Los Angeles, L.P., Hub City Golden Gate, L.P. and Hub Group Distribution Services.

The Company provided transportation services to Hub Partnerships prior to acquiring Hub Partnerships on March 18, 1996. Revenue from Hub Partnerships was \$3,459,000 and \$14,712,000 for the period January 1 through March 17, 1996 and 1995, respectively. Net fees were approximately \$104,000 and \$440,000 for the period January 1 through March 17, 1996 and 1995, respectively.

Hub Partnerships provided transportation services to the Company prior to being acquired, which resulted in costs of \$3,880,000 and \$21,720,000 for the period January 1 through March 17, 1996 and 1995, respectively.

The Company paid assessment fees based primarily on volume and sales commission expenses to Hub Partnerships prior to acquiring Hub Partnerships. These charges totaled approximately \$112,000 and \$670,000 for the period January 1 through March 17, 1996 and 1995, respectively.

The Company leased a building from a shareholder. Monthly payments in 1995 were \$9,178 and extended through November 1996. The Company no longer

NOTE 13. Legal Matters

In the ordinary course of conducting its business, the Company becomes involved in various lawsuits related to its business. The Company does not believe that the ultimate resolution of these matters will be material to its business, financial position or results of operations.

NOTE 14. Equity

	December 31, 1997			
	Authorized	Issued and Outstanding		
Preferred stock, \$.01 par value Class A common stock, \$.01 par value Class B common stock, \$.01 par value	2,000,000 12,337,700 662,300	6,990,950 662,296		
	December	r 31, 1996		
	Authorized	Issued and Outstanding		
Preferred stock, \$.01 par value Class A common stock, \$.01 par value Class B common stock, \$.01 par value	2,000,000 12,337,700 662,300	- 5,261,250 662,296		

NOTE 15. Selected Quarterly Financial Data (Unaudited)

The following table sets forth selected quarterly financial data for each of the quarters in 1997 and 1996 (in thousands, except per share amounts):

	Quarters							
	First		Second		Third			Fourth
Year Ended December 31, 1997:								
Revenue	\$	251,120	\$	268,200	Ş	273,521	\$	271,638
Net revenue		30,214		32,460		33,767		33,414
Operating income		7,916		8,392		9,706		7,481
Historical net income		1,978		2,217		2,557		2,773
Historical basic earnings per share	ş	0.33	\$	0.37	\$	0.41	\$	0.36
Historical diluted earnings per share	\$	0.33	\$	0.37	\$	0.41	\$	0.36

	Quarters							
	F	First		Second		Third		Fourth
Year Ended December 31, 1996:								
Revenue Net revenue Operating income Historical net income Historical basic earnings per share Historical diluted earnings per share Pro forma net income	\$ \$	48,797 5,385 1,755 883 0.40 0.40 642	\$ \$ \$	209,236 25,124 6,843 1,662 0.28 0.28 1,662	\$ \$ \$	238,584 28,707 8,951 2,105 0.35 0.35 2,105	\$ \$	257,626 32,348 10,376 2,394 0.40 0.40 2,394

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NOTE 16. Subsequent Event

On February 20, 1998, the Company signed letters of intent to acquire all of the outstanding stock of Quality Intermodal Corporation ("Quality"). The Company has offered to pay \$4.1 million in cash and \$6.3 million through the issuance of a three-year note, bearing interest at an annual rate of 5.6%, for all of Quality's stock.

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Item 9. CHANGES IN AND DISAGREEMENTS WITH ACCOUNTANTS ON ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

None.

PART III

Item 10. DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF THE REGISTRANT

The sections entitled "Election of Directors" and "Ownership of the Capital Stock of the Company" appearing in the Registrant's proxy statement for the annual meeting of stockholders to be held on May 19, 1998, sets forth certain information with respect to the directors of the Registrant and Section 16 compliance and is incorporated herein by reference. Certain information with respect to persons who are or may be deemed to be executive officers of the Registrant is set forth under the caption "Executive Officers of the Registrant" in Part I of this report.

Item 11. EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

The section entitled "Compensation of Directors and Executive Officers" appearing in the Registrant's proxy statement for the annual meeting of stockholders to be held on May 19, 1998, sets forth certain information with respect to the compensation of management of the Registrant and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 12. SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT

The section entitled "Ownership of the Capital Stock of the Company" appearing in the Registrant's proxy statement for the annual meeting of stockholders to be held on May 19, 1998, sets forth certain information with respect to the ownership of the Registrant's Common Stock and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 13. CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS

The section entitled "Certain Transactions" appearing in the Registrant's proxy statement for the annual meeting of stockholders to be held on May 19, 1998, sets forth certain information with respect to certain business relationships and transactions between the Registrant and its directors and officers and it is incorporated herein by reference.

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PART IV

Item 14. EXHIBITS, FINANCIAL STATEMENT SCHEDULES & REPORTS ON FORM 8-K

(a) (1) Financial Statements

The following consolidated financial statements of the Registrant

are included under Item 8 of this Form 10-K:

Report of Independent Accountants

Consolidated Balance Sheets - December 31, 1997 and December 31, 1996 $\,$

Consolidated Statements of Operations - Years ended December 31, 1997, December 31, 1996 and December 31, 1995

Consolidated Statements of Stockholders' Equity - Years ended December 31, 1997, December 31, 1996 and December 31, 1995

Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows - Years ended December 31, 1997, December 31, 1996 and December 31, 1995

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

(a) (2) Financial Statement Schedules

The remaining financial statements and statement schedule for which provision is made in Regulation S-X are set forth in the Index immediately preceding such financial statements and statement schedule and are incorporated herein by reference.

(a) (3) Exhibits

The exhibits included as part of this Form 10-K are set forth in the Exhibit Index immediately preceding such Exhibits and are incorporated herein by reference.

(b) Reports on Form 8-K

None.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or $15\,(d)$ of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Date: March 23, 1998 HUB GROUP, INC.

By /s/ David P. Yeager
David P. Yeager
Chief Executive Officer and Vice Chairman

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated:

		Title	Ι	Date	
/s/	Phillip C. Yeager Phillip C. Yeager	Chairman and Director	March	23,	1998
/s/	David P. Yeager David P. Yeager	Vice Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and Director	March	23,	1998
/s/	William L. Crowder William L. Crowder	Vice President-Finance and Chief Accounting Officer (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)	March	23,	1998
/s/	Thomas L. Hardin Thomas L. Hardin	President, Chief Operating Officer and Director	March	23,	1998
/s/	Charles R. Reaves	Director	March	23,	1998

/s/	Martin P. Slark Martin P. Slark	Director	March	23,	1998
/s/	Gary D. Eppen Gary D. Eppen	Director	March	23,	1998

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

To the Stockholders of Hub Partnerships:

We have audited the accompanying combined statements of operations, stockholders' equity and cash flows for the period January 1, 1996 through March 17, 1996 and the year ended December 31, 1995. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the combined statements of operations, stockholders' equity and cash flows are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the combined statements of operations, stockholders' equity and cash flows. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the combined statements of operations, stockholders' equity and cash flows referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the results of operations and cash flows of Hub Partnerships for the period January 1, 1996 through March 17, 1996, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Chicago, Illinois February 6, 1997

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HUB PARTNERSHIPS COMBINED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (in thousands)

	January 1, through March 17, 1996	December 31,
REVENUE:		
Trade Affiliate		\$ 644,124 22,390
Total revenue	146,405	666,514
PURCHASED TRANSPORTATION	128,405	584,840
Net revenue	18,000	81,674
COSTS AND EXPENSES: Salaries and benefits Selling, general and administrative Depreciation and amortization		41,049 16,052 2,453
Total costs and expenses	13,753	59,554
Operating income	4,247	22,120
OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE): Interest expense Interest income Other, net	(56) 120 95	(147) 623 462
Total other income	159	938
INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAXES	4,406	23,058
INCOME TAXES	126	290
NET INCOME	\$ 4,280 =======	\$ 22,768

 $\,$ The accompanying notes to combined financial statements are an integral part of these statements.

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HUB PARTNERSHIPS

COMBINED STATEMENTS OF STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

For the year ended December 31, 1995 and

January 1, 1996 to March 17, 1996

(in thousands, except shares)

	Common	Stock	Additional Paid-in	Treasury	Retained	Total Stockholders'
	Shares	Amount	Capital	Stock	Earnings	Equity
Balance at January 1, 1995	105,750	\$ 1,918	\$ 509	\$ (32)	\$ 13,331	\$ 15,726
Net income	-	-	-	-	22,768	22,768
Distributions to stockholders	-	-	-	-	(24,122)	(24,122)
Stock issued	50	25	120	-	-	145
Retained earnings allocable to						
mandatorily redeemable stock	_	_	-	-	(2,780)	(2,780)
Balance at December 31, 1995	105,800	1,943	629	(32)	9,197	11,737
Net income	=	-	_	-	4,280	4,280
Distributions to stockholders	-	(1,730)	(629)	32	(13,477)	(15,804)
	=========					
Balance at March 17, 1996	105,800	\$ 213	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 213

 $$\operatorname{\textsc{The}}$$ accompanying notes to combined financial statements are an integral part of these statements.

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HUB PARTNERSHIPS COMBINED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (in thousands)

	Marc	nuary 1, hrough h 17, 1996	Year Ended December 31, 1995		
Cash flows from operating activities: Net income Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash		4,280	\$ 22,768		
<pre>provided by operating activities: Depreciation and amortization Loss (gain) on sale of assets Changes in working capital:</pre>		553 3	2,453 (92)		
Accounts receivable, net Prepaid expenses and other current assets Accounts payable Accrued expenses Other assets		604 889 4,783 (140) (407)	(2,822) (780) 1,794 508 (58)		
Net cash provided by operations		10,565	23,771		
Cash flows from investing activities: Purchases of property and equipment, net		(775)	 (4,485)		
Cash flows from financing activities: Proceeds from sale of common stock Distributions to stockholders Purchase and retirement of common stock Payments on long-term debt Proceeds from issuance of long-term debt		(13,014) - (361) 418	- (927) 1,762		
Net cash used in financing activities		(12,957)			
Net decrease in cash Cash, beginning of period		(3,167) 10,949	14,805		
Cash, end of period	\$	7,782 ======	\$ 10,949		
Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information: Cash paid for: Interest	\$	56	\$ 116		
Income taxes Non-cash financing activity: Notes payable issued as distributions to stockholders		130 13,176	262		

 $\,$ The accompanying notes to combined financial statements are an integral part of these statements.

HUB PARTNERSHIPS

NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1. Description of Business and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Business: The Company (defined below) provides intermodal transportation services utilizing third party arrangements with railroads and drayage companies. The Company also arranges for transportation of freight by truck and performs logistics services.

Principles of Combinations: These combined financial statements include the financial statements of 26 S corporations and one partnership which are substantially all under common ownership control (collectively referred to as the "Company" or "Hub Partnerships"). The financial statements of Hub Partnerships are presented herein to reflect the financial condition and results of operations of Hub Partnerships as of and for the periods in which Hub Partnerships was the predecessor to the business acquired by Hub Group, Inc., as required pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission. All significant intercompany transactions and balances have been eliminated.

Cash and Cash Equivalents: The Company considers as cash equivalents all highly liquid investments with an original maturity of three months or less.

Property and Equipment: Property and equipment are stated at cost. Depreciation of property and equipment is computed using the straight-line and various accelerated methods at rates adequate to depreciate the cost of applicable assets over their expected useful lives: buildings and improvements 15 to 40 years; leasehold improvements the shorter of useful life or lease term; furniture and equipment 3 to 10 years; and transportation equipment 3 to 12 years. Maintenance and repairs are charged to operations as incurred and major improvements are capitalized. The cost of assets retired or otherwise disposed of and the accumulated depreciation thereon are removed from the accounts with any gain or loss realized upon sale or disposal charged or credited to operations.

Concentration of Credit Risk: The Company's financial instruments that are exposed to concentrations of credit risk consist primarily of cash and cash equivalents and trade accounts receivable. The Company places its cash and temporary investments with high quality financial institutions. At times, such investments may be in excess of the FDIC insurance limit. Temporary investments are valued at the lower of cost or market and at the balance sheet date, approximates fair market value. The Company primarily serves customers located throughout the United States with no significant concentration in any one region. The Company reviews a customer's credit history before extending credit. In addition, the Company routinely assesses the financial strength of its customers and, as a consequence, believes that its trade accounts receivable risk is limited.

Revenue Recognition: Revenue represents sales of services to customers. Revenue is recognized based on relative transit time.

Income Taxes: The majority of the entities included in Hub Partnerships have elected to be taxed as S Corporations. By this election, income of an S Corporation is taxable to the stockholders rather than the Company itself. Income tax expense primarily represents applicable state income taxes of those states that do not recognize Subchapter S Corporations or states which impose taxes on S Corporation income.

Distributions: The Company makes periodic distributions of income which are reflected in the accompanying statements of stockholders' equity.

Use of Estimates: The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates

and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expense during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Reclassifications: Certain items previously reported have been reclassified to conform with the 1996 presentation.

NOTE 2. Rental Expense and Lease Commitments

Minimum annual rental commitments, in thousands, at December 31, 1995, under noncancellable operating leases, principally for real estate and equipment, are payable as follows:

Total minimum lease payments	Ÿ 	0, 514
Total minimum lease payments	Ś	6,914
2001 & thereafter		853
2000		624
1999		716
1998		966
		•
1997		1,557
1996	\$	2,198

Total rental expense was approximately \$1,629,000, \$2,190,000 and \$423,000 for 1994, 1995 and the period January 1, through March 17, 1996, respectively. Many of the leases contain renewal options and escalation clauses which require payments of additional rent to the extent of increases in the related operating costs.

NOTE 3. Legal Matters

In the ordinary course of conducting its business, the Company becomes involved in various lawsuits related to its business. The Company does not believe that the ultimate resolution of these matters will be material to its business, financial position or results of operations.

NOTE 4. Profit-Sharing Plan

The Company has numerous profit-sharing plans and trusts under section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code. Generally, for every dollar the employee contributes the Company will contribute an additional \$.20 up to \$100. In addition, the Company may make a profit sharing contribution at its discretion. Historically, the Company has contributed an amount equal to 3% of each participant's compensation up to a maximum of \$4,500. The Company's contributions to the Plan were approximately \$562,000, \$713,000 and \$287,000 for 1994, 1995 and the period January 1, through March 17, 1996, respectively.

NOTE 5. Related Party Transactions

The Company provides transportation services to Hub Group, Inc. Revenue from Hub Group, Inc. was \$13,535,000,\$21,720,000 and \$3,880,000 for 1994, 1995 and the period January 1, through March 17, 1996, respectively. Net fees earned were \$670,000,\$734,000 and \$116,000 for the same periods, respectively.

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Hub Group, Inc. provides transportation services to the Company, which resulted in costs of \$11,885,000, \$14,712,000 and \$3,459,000 for 1994, 1995 and the period January 1, through March 17, 1996, respectively.

The Company charges assessment fees based primarily on volume and sales commission expense to Hub Group, Inc. Revenue for such fees were approximately

\$657,000, \$670,000 and \$112,000 for 1994, 1995 and the period January 1, through March 17, 1996, respectively.

During 1994, the Company leased four facilities from stockholders. During 1995 and the period January 1, through March 17, 1996, the Company leased two facilities from stockholders. Rental expense relating to these agreements was approximately \$193,000, \$147,000 and \$39,000 for 1994, 1995 and the period January 1, through March 17, 1996, respectively. The terms of the leases extend through 2000.

NOTE 6. Stockholder Agreements

The majority of the entities included in Hub Partnerships have agreements with certain of their stockholders which set forth rights of the stockholders and the corporation. Generally, the agreements require that any stockholder wishing to sell his shares must first offer the shares for sale to the corporation and then to the other stockholders, before offering them to a third party. Generally the agreements state that upon death, disability, or retirement of a stockholder, the stockholder is required to offer to sell all of the shares owned by the stockholder to the corporation. Certain agreements stipulate the corporation is required to purchase these shares. Under the majority of the agreements, selling price approximates book value, and under two agreements the selling price approximates fair market value. Generally the agreements also state that, in the event that a stockholder is terminated, the stockholder is required to offer to sell his shares to the corporation. Certain agreements stipulate the corporation is required to purchase the stockholder's shares. Redemption amounts relating to agreements with mandatory redemption features are included in Mandatorily Redeemable Common Stock in the accompanying balance sheet. Payments for shares generally is made over a five-year period. Additionally, these agreements generally contain non-compete clauses which preclude a stockholder, while employed by the corporation, from managing, operating, or controlling a business either similar or dissimilar to the business carried on by the corporation. The clause also states that following employment by the corporation, a stockholder may not be employed by or perform services for any competitor for a period of up to two years. These agreements continue with respect to the S Corporations' limited partnership interests in the operating partnerships of Hub Group, Inc.

NOTE 9. Special Distribution

Immediately prior to March 18, 1996, the Company distributed substantially all of its equity, including retained earnings through March 17, 1996, to its shareholders in the form of cash and notes. The notes are five-year balloon notes bearing interest at an annual rate of 5.45%. Interest is compounded annually with all principal and interest due in March 2001.

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SCHEDULE II

HUB GROUP, INC. VALUATION AND QUALIFYING ACCOUNTS

	Balance at Beginning of Year		Charged to Costs & Expenses		Deduction		Balance at End of Year	
Year Ended December 31: Allowance for uncollectible accounts receivable 1997 1996 1995	ş	405,000 125,000 110,000	ş	1,005,000 768,000 15,000	ş	(1,107,000) (488,000)	ş	303,000 405,000 125,000

Number Exhibit

2.1 Purchase Agreement among the Registrant, American President Companies, Ltd. and APL Land Transport Services, Inc. (incorporated by reference to the Registrants report on Form 8-K dated May 2, 1996 and filed May 17, 1996, File No. 0-27754)

- 2.2 Purchase and Sale Agreement among Hub Holdings, Inc. and Hub City North Central, Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.2 to the Registrants report on Form 10-K dated March 26, 1997 and filed March 27, 1997, File No. 000-27754)
- 3.1 Amended Certificate of Incorporation of the Registrant (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 and 3.3 to the Registrant's registration statement on Form S-1, File No. 33-90210)
- 3.2 By-Laws of the Registrant (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to the Registrant's registration statement on Form S-1, File No. 33-90210)
- 10.1 Form of Amended and Restated Limited Partnership Agreement (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrants report on Form 10-K dated March 26, 1997 and filed March 27, 1997, File No. 000-27754)
- Amended and Restated Limited Partnership Agreement of Hub City Canada, L.P. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Registrants report on Form 10-K dated March 26, 1997 and filed March 27, 1997, File No. 000-27754)
- 10.3 Form of Non-Competition Agreement (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to the Registrants report on Form 10-K dated March 26, 1997 and filed March 27,1997, File No. 000-27754)
- 10.4 Purchase and Sale Agreement between the Registrant and the Stockholders of Hub City Terminals, Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to the Registrant's registration statement on Form S-1, File No. 33-90210)
- 10.5 Hub Group Distribution Services Purchase and Sale Agreement (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.5 to the Registrants report on Form 10-K dated March 26, 1997 and filed March 27, 1997, File No. 000-27754)
- 10.6 Management Agreement (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.6 to the Registrants report on Form 10-K dated March 26, 1997 and filed March 27, 1997, File No. 000-27754)
- 10.7 Stockholders' Agreement (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.7 to the Registrants report on Form 10-K dated March 26, 1997 and filed March 27, 1997, File No. 000-27754)
- 10.8 Credit Agreement dated as of September 27, 1997 among the Registrant, Hub City Terminals, Inc., Hub Holdings, Inc. and Harris Trust and Savings Bank (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.8 to the Registrants report on Form 10-Q dated and filed November 13, 1997, File No. 000-27754)
- 21 Subsidiaries of the Registrant
- 23.1 Consent of Arthur Andersen LLP
- 27 Financial Data Schedule

SUBSIDIARIES

JURISDICTION OF INCORPORATION/ORGANIZATION

Hub City Terminals, Inc.	Delaware
Hub City Alabama, L.P.	Delaware
Hub City Atlanta, L.P.	Delaware
Hub City Boston, L.P.	Delaware
Hub City Canada, L.P.	Delaware
Hub City Cleveland, L.P.	Delaware
Hub City Dallas, L.P.	Delaware
Hub City Detroit, L.P.	Delaware
Hub City Florida, L.P.	Delaware
Hub City Golden Gate, L.P.	Delaware
Hub City Houston, L.P.	Delaware
Hub City Indianapolis, L.P.	Delaware
Hub City Kansas City, L.P.	Delaware
Hub City Los Angeles, L.P.	Delaware
Hub City Mid-Atlantic, L.P.	Delaware
Hub City New Haven, L.P.	Delaware
Hub City New Orleans, L.P.	Delaware
Hub City New York State, L.P.	Delaware
Hub City New York-New Jersey, L.P.	Delaware
Hub City North Central, L.P.	Delaware
Hub City Ohio, L.P.	Delaware
Hub City Philadelphia, L.P.	Delaware
Hub City Pittsburgh, L.P.	Delaware
Hub City Portland, L.P.	Delaware
Hub City Rio Grande, L.P.	Delaware
Hub City St. Louis, L.P.	Delaware
Hub City Tennessee, L.P.	Delaware
Hub Group Associates, Inc.	Illinois
Hub Highway Services	Illinois
Hub Group Distribution Services	Illinois
Hub Holdings, Inc.	Delaware
Q.S. of Illinois, Inc.	Illinois
Quality Services L.L.C.	Missouri
Quality Services of Kansas, L.L.C.	Kansas
Quality Services of New Jersey, L.L.C.	New Jersey
Quality Services of Michigan L.L.C.	Michigan
Q.S. of Georgia, L.L.C.	Georgia
HLX Company, L.L.C.	Delaware

EXHIBIT 23.1

Consent of Independent Public Accountants

As independent public accountants, we hereby consent to the incorporation of our reports dated February 15, 1998, except with respect to the matter discussed in Note 16, as to which the date is February 20, 1998, for Hub Group, Inc. and February 6, 1997 for Hub Partnerships included in this Form 10-K, into Hub Group, Inc.'s previously filed Registration Statement File No. 333-6327 on Form S-8, and Registrations File No. 333-48185 on Form S-8.

ARTHUR ANDERSEN LLP

Chicago, Illinois March 20, 1998 This schedule contains summary financial information extracted from Consolidated Statements of Operations and Consolidated Balance Sheets and is qualified in its entirety by reference to such financial statements.

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