

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-K/A

AMENDMENT NO. 1

(MARK ONE)

ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1996

OR

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

FOR THE TRANSITION PERIOD FROM TO

COMMISSION FILE NO. 1-7615

KIRBY CORPORATION
(EXACT NAME OF REGISTRANT AS SPECIFIED IN ITS CHARTER)

NEVADA
(STATE OR OTHER JURISDICTION OF
INCORPORATION OR ORGANIZATION)

74-1884980
(I.R.S. EMPLOYER
IDENTIFICATION NO.)

1775 ST. JAMES PLACE, SUITE 200
HOUSTON, TEXAS
(ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES)

77056-3453
(ZIP CODE)

REGISTRANT'S TELEPHONE NUMBER, INCLUDING AREA CODE: (713) 629-9370

SECURITIES REGISTERED PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) OF THE ACT:

TITLE OF EACH CLASS -----	NAME OF EACH EXCHANGE ON WHICH REGISTERED -----
Common Stock -- \$.10 Par Value Per Share	New York Stock Exchange

SECURITIES REGISTERED PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(g) OF THE ACT: NONE

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.

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 No

As of March 5, 1997, 24,265,036 shares of common stock were outstanding. The aggregate market value of common stock held by nonaffiliates of the registrant, based on the closing sales price of such stock on the New York Stock Exchange on March 4, 1997 was \$383,856,046. For purposes of this computation, all executive officers, directors and 10% beneficial owners of registrant are deemed to be affiliates. Such determination should not be deemed an admission that such executive officers, directors and 10% beneficial owners are affiliates.

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

The Company's definitive proxy statement in connection with the Annual

Meeting of the Stockholders to be held April 15, 1997, to be filed with the Commission pursuant to Regulation 14A, is incorporated by reference into Part III of this report.

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This Amendment No. 1 on Form 10-K/A (this "Amendment") to correct a certain typographical error and omission of the Company's 1996 Financial Data Schedule (Exhibit 27). Inadvertently, the Company's 1995 Financial Data Schedule was placed into the filing. Attached herewith, as amended Exhibit 27, is the Company's 1996 Financial Data Schedule.

SIGNATURE

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

KIRBY CORPORATION
(Registrant)

By: BRIAN K. HARRINGTON

BRIAN K. HARRINGTON
SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT

Dated: March 13, 1997

EXHIBIT INDEX

27 -- Financial Data Schedule

THIS SCHEDULE CONTAINS SUMMARY FINANCIAL INFORMATION EXTRACTED FROM CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS AND STATEMENTS OF EARNINGS AND IS QUALIFIED IN ITS ENTIRETY BY REFERENCE TO SUCH FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

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YEAR		
	DEC-31-1996	
	DEC-31-1996	
		1,544
		18,199
		80,604
		738
		16,361
	129,885	
		518,773
	200,049	
	524,530	
	89,691	
		176,617
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		3,091
		202,663
524,530		
		58,350
	390,638	
		44,295
		252,488
	87,466	
		353
	13,349	
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		27,229
		1.05
		1.05