VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP
Form 4
November 20, 2002

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person
   GARBER, RICHARD P.
   1455 VALLEY ROAD
   WAYNE, NJ 07470-
2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
   VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP (VLY)
3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)
4. Statement for Month/Day/Year
   11/20/2002
5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)
6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
   ( ) Director ( ) 10% Owner
   (X) Officer (give title below) ( ) Other (specify below)
   FIRST SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT
7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
   (X) Form filed by One Reporting Person
   ( ) Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

TABLE I -- Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Execution Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)				5. Amo
				Code	V	Amount	A/D	Price	Securi Benefi Owned Follow Report Transa
Common Stock	11/18/2002		A			1125	A	$0.0000	23068