

VALLEY NATIONAL BANCORP

Form 5

February 12, 2003

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person
MULLIGAN, ROBERT J.
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/Year
12/2002
5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)
6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
 Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
FIRST SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT
7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
 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. Trans- action Date (Month/ Day/ Year)	2A.Execu- action Date (Month/ Day/ Year)	3. Trans- action Code	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) Amount A/D Price	5. Amo Securi Benefi Owned Follow Yea
Common Stock					36204
Common Stock					627
Common Stock					0
Common Stock					0
Common Stock					0
Common Stock					589
Common Stock					125

TABLE II -- Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.	2.	3.	3A.	4.	5.	6.	7.
							Title and Amount

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Title of Derivative Security	Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	Transaction Date (Month/ Day/ Year)	Execution Date (Month/ Day/ Year)	Transaction Code	Number of		Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	of Underlying Securities	
					Acquired (A) Disposed (D) (A) (D)	Derivative Securities		Amount or Number of Shares	Title
Stock Option	\$17.6						10/27/2007	Common Stock	
Stock Option	\$18.4						10/23/2008	Common Stock	
Stock Option	\$19.2						11/12/2009	Common Stock	
Stock Option	\$21.6						11/15/2010	Common Stock	
Stock Option	\$24.55						11/07/2011	Common Stock	
Stock Option	\$26.33						11/18/2012	Common Stock	
STOCK OPTION/NQ	\$24.55						11/07/2011	COMMON STK.	

Explanation of Responses:

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON
/s/ ROBERT J. MULLIGAN

DATE
02/12/2003