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Form N-Q
February 28, 2007

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

FORM N-Q

QUARTERLY SCHEDULE OF PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS OF REGISTERED
MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANY

Investment Company Act file number: 811-04656

Ellsworth Fund Ltd.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

65 Madison Avenue, Morristown, New Jersey 07960-7308

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

Thomas H. Dinsmore
Ellsworth Fund Ltd.
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Date of fiscal year end: September 30, 2007

Date of reporting period: December 31, 2006

ITEM 1. SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS.

ELLSWORTH FUND LTD.-----
PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS December 31, 2006 (unaudited)-----

Principal
Amount

Value
(Note 1)

CONVERTIBLE BONDS AND NOTES -- 59.5%

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AEROSPACE AND DEFENSE -- 5.0%		
\$1,500,000	AAR Corp. 1.75% 2026 cv. sr. notes (BB)	\$ 1,762,500
1,000,000	Alliant Techsystems Inc. 2.75% 2011 cv. sr. sub. notes (B1)	
	(Acquired 09/07/06; Cost \$1,009,375) (1)	1,027,500
1,000,000	Ceradyne, Inc. 2.875% 2035 sr. sub. cv. notes (NR) (2)	1,203,750
2,000,000	DRS Technologies, Inc. 2% 2026 cv. sr. notes (B1)	
	(Acquired 01/30/06; Cost \$2,100,194) (1,2)	2,115,000
		6,108,750
BANKING/SAVINGS AND LOAN -- 1.3%		
1,500,000	U.S. Bancorp floating rate 2035 cv. sr. deb. (Aa2)	1,522,500
COMPUTER HARDWARE -- 3.8%		
1,000,000	C&D Technologies, Inc. 5.25% 2025 cv. sr. notes (NR)	
	(Acquired 11/16/05; Cost \$1,000,000) (1)	921,250
2,000,000	Credit Suisse First Boston (USA), Inc. 15.55% 2007 equity-linked notes (Aa3) (exchangeable for	
	Corning Inc. common stock)	1,782,600
250,000	EMC Corp. 1.75% 2011 cv. sr. notes (BBB+)	
	(Acquired 11/13/06; Cost \$250,000) (1)	260,313
500,000	EMC Corp. 1.75% 2013 cv. sr. notes (BBB+)	
	(Acquired 11/13/06; Cost \$500,000) (1)	520,625
1,000,000	Richardson Electronics, Ltd. 8% 2011 cv. sr. sub. notes (NR)	1,130,000
		4,614,788
COMPUTER SOFTWARE -- 3.2%		
1,500,000	Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. 1% 2009 medium-term notes (A1) (performance linked to Microsoft Corp. common stock) (2)	1,567,500
1,000,000	Sybase, Inc. 1.75% 2025 cv. sub. notes (NR)	1,117,500
1,000,000	Symantec Corp. 1% 2013 cv. sr. notes (NR)	1,221,250
		3,906,250
CONSUMER GOODS -- 1.2%		
1,000,000	Church & Dwight Co., Inc. 5.25% 2033 cv. sr. deb. (Ba1)	1,445,000
ENERGY -- 4.3%		
1,000,000	Cameron International Corp. 2.50% 2026 cv. sr. notes (Baa1)	1,078,750
1,500,000	Nabors Industries, Inc. 0.94% 2011 sr. exchangeable notes (A-) (exchangeable for Nabors Industries Ltd. common stock)	1,441,875
1,000,000	Oil States International, Inc. 2.375% 2025 contingent cv. sr. notes (NR)	1,253,750
1,250,000	Rentech, Inc. 4% 2013 cv. sr. notes (NR)	1,422,650
		5,197,025
ENTERTAINMENT -- 6.3%		
2,000,000	EchoStar Communications Corp. 5.75% 2008 cv. sub. notes (B1)	2,047,500
1,000,000	International Game Technology 2.60% 2036 cv. deb. (Baa2) (Acquired 12/14/06 - 12/15/06; Cost \$994,189) (1,2)	997,500
3,750,000	The Walt Disney Company 2.125% 2023 cv. sr. notes (A3)	4,575,000
		7,620,000
FINANCIAL SERVICES -- 1.8%		
2,000,000	Euronet Worldwide, Inc. 3.50% 2025 cv. deb. (NR) (2)	2,137,500

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Principal Amount		Value (Note 1)
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	CONVERTIBLE BONDS AND NOTES -- CONTINUED	
	FOODS -- 0.9%	
\$1,000,000	Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. 3% 2012 medium-term notes (A1) (performance linked to General Mills, Inc. common stock) (2)	\$ 1,059,500

	HEALTH CARE -- 3.8%	
1,000,000	American Medical Systems Holdings, Inc. 3.25% 2036 cv. sr. sub. notes (B3) (2)	1,171,250
812,000	China Medical Technologies, Inc. 3.5% 2011 cv. sr. sub. notes (NR) (Acquired 11/15/06 - 12/01/06; Cost \$825,585) (1)	866,810
1,500,000	Manor Care, Inc. 2.125% 2035 cv. sr. notes (Baa3)	1,702,500
1,000,000	Omnicare, Inc. 3.25% 2035 cv. sr. deb. (B2) (2)	872,500

		4,613,060
	INSURANCE -- 1.6%	
2,000,000	Prudential Financial, Inc. floating rate 2036 cv. sr. notes (NR) (Acquired 12/08/06; Cost \$1,981,000) (1)	1,978,400

	MINING -- 0.1%	
125,000	Minefinders Corp. Ltd. 4.5% 2011 cv. sr. notes (NR) (Acquired 10/19/06; Cost \$125,000) (1)	140,625

	MULTI-INDUSTRY -- 6.7%	
2,000,000	Citigroup Funding, Inc. 1% 2010 medium-term notes (Aa1) (exchangeable for the cash value of a basket of technology stocks) (2)	1,956,400
1,590,000	FTI Consulting, Inc. 3.75% 2012 cv. sr. sub. notes (B1)	1,836,450
1,500,000	LSB Industries, Inc. 7% 2011 cv. sr. sub. deb. (NR)	2,482,500
1,000,000	Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. 1% 2011 medium-term notes (A1) (performance linked to a basket of common stocks) (2)	850,000
1,000,000	Trinity Industries, Inc. 3.875% 2036 cv. sub. notes (Ba3) (2)	1,015,000

		8,140,350
	PHARMACEUTICALS -- 6.7%	
1,250,000	Amgen Inc. 0.125% 2011 cv. sr. notes (A2)	1,225,000
500,000	Amgen Inc. 0.375% 2013 cv. sr. notes (A2)	493,750

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1,000,000	Bristol-Myers Squibb Co. floating rate 2023 cv. sr. deb. (A2)	1,005,000
1,000,000	Ivax Corp. 4.5% 2008 cv. sr. sub. notes (NR) (exchangeable for Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd. ADR and cash)	991,250
750,000	MedImmune, Inc. 1.375% 2011 cv. sr. notes (BBB)	851,250
750,000	MedImmune, Inc. 1.625% 2013 cv. sr. notes (BBB)	864,375
1,750,000	Teva Pharmaceutical Finance Co. B.V. 1.75% 2026 cv. sr. deb. (Baa2) (exchangeable for Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd. ADR)	1,620,938
1,000,000	Wyeth floating rate 2024 cv. sr. deb. (A3)	1,090,600

		8,142,163

	REAL ESTATE -- 1.3%	
500,000	Archstone-Smith Operating Trust 4% 2036 exchangeable sr. notes (Baa1) (exchangeable into Archstone-Smith Trust common stock)	535,625
1,000,000	United Dominion Realty Trust, Inc. 3.625% 2011 cv. sr. notes (NR) (Acquired 10/06/06; Cost \$986,875) (1)	1,005,000

		1,540,625

	RETAIL -- 1.2%	
1,500,000	Amazon.com, Inc. 4.75% 2009 cv. sub. notes (Ba3)	1,479,375

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PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS December 31, 2006 (continued)-----

Principal Amount		Value (Note 1)
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	CONVERTIBLE BONDS AND NOTES -- CONTINUED	
	SEMICONDUCTORS -- 7.8%	
1,000,000	Agere Systems Inc. 6.5% 2009 cv. sub. notes (B1)	\$ 1,022,500
1,000,000	Conexant Systems, Inc. 4% 2026 cv. sub. notes (NR)	913,750
2,000,000	Intel Corp. 2.95% 2035 jr. sub. cv. deb. (A-) (2)	1,820,000
1,750,000	International Rectifier Corp. 4.25% 2007 cv. sub. notes (B1).	1,745,625
1,500,000	LSI Logic Corp. 4% 2010 cv. sub. notes (B)	1,546,875
1,100,000	SanDisk Corp. 1% 2013 cv. sr. notes (BB-)	979,000
1,400,000	Vishay Intertechnology, Inc. 3.625% 2023 cv. sub. notes (B3).	1,405,250

		9,433,000

	TELECOMMUNICATIONS -- 1.0%	
1,000,000	Time Warner Telecom Inc. 2.375% 2026 cv. sr. deb. (Caa1)	1,262,500

	UTILITIES -- 1.6%	

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1,500,000	CMS Energy Corp. 2.875% 2024 cv. sr. notes (Ba3)	1,920,000

	TOTAL CONVERTIBLE BONDS AND NOTES	\$ 72,261,411

Shares		

CONVERTIBLE PREFERRED STOCKS -- 17.1%		
AEROSPACE AND DEFENSE -- 0.4%		
40,000	Ionatron, Inc. 6.5% Series A redeemable cv. pfd. (NR) (Acquired 10/27/05; Cost \$1,000,000) (1)	520,000

BANKING/SAVINGS AND LOAN -- 4.6%		
40,000	National Australia Bank Ltd. 7.875% exch. capital units (NR)	2,060,000
20,000	New York Community Bancorp, Inc. 6% BONUSES units (Baa2)	932,000
35,000	Sovereign Capital Trust IV 4.375% PIERS (Baa2) (exchangeable for Sovereign Bancorp, Inc. common stock) (2)	1,741,250
15,000	Washington Mutual Capital Trust 5.375% PIERS units (BBB) (exchangeable for Washington Mutual, Inc. common stock)	856,800

		5,590,050

BUILDING PRODUCTS -- 1.8%		
35,000	TXI Capital Trust I 5.5% SPuRS (B2) (exchangeable for Texas Industries, Inc. common stock)	2,223,375

CHEMICALS -- 2.4%		
80,000	Celanese Corp. 4.25% cv. perpetual pfd. (NR)	2,880,000

ENERGY -- 1.6%		
10,000	Chesapeake Energy Corp. 4.5% cum. cv. pfd. (B+)	957,500
5,000	SEMCO Energy, Inc. 5% Series B cv. cum. pfd. (B-)	961,250

		1,918,750

INSURANCE -- 5.6%		
75,000	Citigroup Funding Inc. variable rate exch. notes (Aa1) (exchangeable for Genworth Financial, Inc. common stock)	2,424,000
20,000	Reinsurance Group of America, Inc. 5.75% PIERS (Baa2)	1,400,000
112,500	The St. Paul Travelers Companies, Inc. 4.5% 2032 cv. jr. sub. notes (Baa1)	2,940,750

		6,764,750

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PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS December 31, 2006 (continued)-----

Value

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Shares		(Note 1)
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CONVERTIBLE PREFERRED STOCKS -- CONTINUED		
TELECOMMUNICATIONS -- 0.7%		
100	Medis Technologies Ltd 7.25% Series A cum. cv. perpetual pfd. (NR) (Acquired 11/10/06; Cost \$1,000,000) (1)	\$ 869,184

	TOTAL CONVERTIBLE PREFERRED STOCKS	20,766,109

MANDATORY CONVERTIBLE SECURITIES -- 17.5% (3)		
CHEMICALS -- 1.4%		
40,000	Huntsman Corp. 5% mandatory cv. pfd. 02/16/08 (NR)	1,663,200

ENERGY -- 1.5%		
30,000	Bristow Group Inc. 5.5% mandatory cv. pfd. 09/15/09 (NR) . . .	1,514,850
1,000	Chesapeake Energy Corp. 6.25% mandatory cv. pfd. 06/15/09 (B+)	252,410

		1,767,260

FINANCE -- 2.8%		
30,000	Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. 6.75% mandatorily exchangeable securities 10/15/07 (Aa3) (exchangeable for Nuveen Investments, Inc. common stock).	1,361,250
45,500	Morgan Stanley, Inc. 5.875% mandatorily exchangeable securities 10/15/08 (Aa3) (exchangeable for Nuveen Investments, Inc. common stock). . .	2,079,491

		3,440,741

FINANCIAL SERVICES -- 1.0%		
43,500	E*TRADE Financial Corp. 6.125% equity units 11/18/08 (Ba3) ..	1,269,765

FOODS -- 0.9%		
40,000	Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. 6.25% PIES 10/15/07 (A1) (exchangeable for General Mills, Inc. common stock)	1,100,800

INSURANCE -- 5.5%		
7,000	Alleghany Corp. 5.75% mandatory cv. pfd. 06/15/09 (BBB-) . . .	2,397,010
80,000	MetLife, Inc. 6.375% common equity units 08/15/08 (BBB+) . . .	2,446,400
45,000	XL Capital, Ltd. 6.5% equity security units 05/15/07 (A3) . . .	1,071,675
30,000	XL Capital, Ltd. 7% equity security units 02/15/09 (A3) . . .	795,000

		6,710,085

PHARMACEUTICALS -- 0.9%		
20,000	Schering-Plough Corp. 6% mand. cv. pfd. 09/14/07 (Baa3) . . .	1,137,800

SEMICONDUCTORS -- 1.8%		
98,850	The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. 14.75% mandatory exchangeable notes 06/22/07 (NR) (exchangeable for Advanced Micro Devices, Inc. common stock) (Acquired 06/14/06; Cost \$2,500,411) (1)	2,130,218

TELECOMMUNICATIONS -- 1.7%		
30,000	Credit Suisse First Boston (USA), Inc. 5.5% SAILS 11/15/08 (Aa3) (exchangeable for Equinix, Inc. common stock)	2,037,000

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TOTAL MANDATORY CONVERTIBLE SECURITIES (3) \$ 21,256,869

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 Portfolio of Investments December 31, 2006 (continued)-----

Shares		Value (Note 1)
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	COMMON STOCKS -- 3.0%	
	AEROSPACE AND DEFENSE -- 0.2%	
50,106	Ionatron, Inc. common stock with warrants attached (Acquired 04/17/05 - 10/11/06; Cost \$303,166) (1,4)	\$ 205,435

	TRAVEL AND LEISURE -- 0.2%	
2,500	Avis Budget Group, Inc. (4)	54,225
5,000	Wyndham Worldwide Corp. (4)	160,100

		214,325

	PHARMACEUTICALS -- 1.4%	
26,300	Johnson & Johnson	1,736,326

	TELECOMMUNICATIONS -- 1.2%	
40,000	AT&T Inc.	1,430,000

	TOTAL COMMON STOCKS	\$ 3,586,086

Principal Amount	SHORT-TERM SECURITIES -- 2.1%	

	COMMERCIAL PAPER -- 2.1%	
\$2,500,000	American Express Credit Corp. 5% 01/02/07 (P1)	2,497,917

	TOTAL CONVERTIBLE BONDS AND NOTES -- 59.4%	72,261,411
	TOTAL CONVERTIBLE PREFERRED STOCKS -- 17.1%	20,766,109
	TOTAL MANDATORY CONVERTIBLE SECURITIES -- 17.4%	21,256,869
	TOTAL COMMON STOCKS -- 3.0%	3,586,086
	TOTAL SHORT-TERM SECURITIES -- 2.1%	2,497,917

	TOTAL INVESTMENTS -- 99.0%	120,368,392

	OTHER ASSETS AND LIABILITIES, NET -- 1.0%	1,161,430

	TOTAL NET ASSETS -- 100.0%	\$ 121,529,822
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- (1) Security not registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (i.e., the security was purchased in a Rule 144A or a Reg D transaction). The security may be resold only pursuant to an exemption from registration under the 1933 Act, typically to qualified institutional buyers. The Fund generally has no rights to demand registration of these securities. The aggregate market value of these securities at December 31, 2006 was \$13,557,860 which represented 11.2% of the Fund's net assets.
- (2) Contingent payment debt instrument which accrues contingent interest. See Note 2.
- (3) These securities are required to be converted on the dates listed; they generally may be converted prior to these dates at the option of the holder.
- (4) Non-income producing security.

ADR American Depositary Receipts.
BONUSES Bifurcated Option Note Unit Securities.
PIES Premium Income Exchangeable Securities.
PIERS Preferred Income Equity Redeemable Securities.
SAILS Shared Appreciation Income Linked Securities.
SPURS Shared Preference Redeemable Securities.

Ratings in parentheses by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. or Standard & Poor's. NR is used whenever a rating is unavailable.

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Ellsworth Fund Ltd.

(Selected) NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED)-----

Ellsworth Fund Ltd. (established in 1986) (the "Fund"), is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 as a diversified, closed-end management investment company.

Note 1. Security Valuation - Investments in securities traded on a national securities exchange are valued at market using the last reported sales price as of the close of regular trading. Listed securities for which no sales were reported, are valued at the mean between closing reported bid and asked prices as of the close of regular trading. Unlisted securities traded in the over-the-counter market are valued using an evaluated quote provided by an independent pricing service. The independent pricing service derives an evaluated quote by obtaining dealer quotes, analyzing the listed markets, reviewing trade execution data and employing sensitivity analysis. Evaluated quotes may also reflect appropriate factors such as individual characteristics of the issue, communications with broker-dealers, and other market data. Securities for which quotations are not readily available, restricted securities and other assets are valued at fair value as determined in good faith by management pursuant to procedures approved by the Board of Trustees. Short-term debt securities with original maturities of 60 days or less are valued at amortized cost.

Note 2. Securities Transactions and Related Investment Income - Security transactions are accounted for on the trade date (date the order to buy or sell is executed) with gain or loss on the sale of securities being determined based upon identified cost. Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date and interest income is recorded on the accrual basis, including accretion of discounts and amortization of non-equity premium. For certain securities, known as "contingent payment debt instruments," Federal tax regulations require the Fund to record non-cash, "contingent" interest income in addition to interest income actually received.

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At December 31, 2006 unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investment securities on a tax basis were as follows:

Unrealized appreciation	\$ 11,679,153
Unrealized depreciation	(3,990,372)

Net unrealized appreciation	7,688,781
Cost for federal income tax purposes	\$112,679,609

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ITEM 2. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES.

Conclusions of principal officers concerning controls and procedures

(a) The Registrant's principal executive officer and principal financial officer, or persons performing similar functions, have concluded that the Registrant's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 30a-3(c) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "Act"), (17 CFR 270.30a-3(c))) are effective as of February 21, 2007, based on the evaluation of these controls and procedures required by Rule 30a-3(b) under the Act (and 15d-15(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (17 CFR 240.15d-15(b))).

(b) There have been no changes in the Registrant's internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 30a-3(d) under the Act (17 CFR 270.30a-3(d))) that occurred during the Registrant's last fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

ITEM 3. EXHIBITS.

Separate certifications of the principal executive officer and the principal financial officer of the Registrant, as required by Rule 30a-2(a) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, are filed herewith.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Ellsworth Fund Ltd.

By: /s/Thomas H. Dinsmore
Thomas H. Dinsmore
Chairman of the Board and
Chief Executive Officer
(Principal Executive Officer)

Date: February 28, 2007

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

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By: /s/Thomas H. Dinsmore
Thomas H. Dinsmore
Chairman of the Board and
Chief Executive Officer
(Principal Executive Officer)

Date: February 28, 2007

By: /s/Gary I. Levine
Gary I. Levine
Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial Officer)

Date: February 28, 2007