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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.

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(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. 65 Madison Avenue Morristown, New Jersey 07960-7308 (Name and address of agent for service)

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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 973-631-1177 Date of fiscal year end: September 30, 2006

Date of reporting period: June 30, 2006

ITEM 1. SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS.

ELLSWORTH FUND LTD. Portfolio of Investments June 30, 2006 (unaudited)------

Principal Amount		Value (Note 1)
	CONVERTIBLE BONDS AND NOTES 58.0%	
	AEROSPACE AND DEFENSE 3.9%	
\$1,500,000	AAR Corp. 1.75% 2026 cv. sr. notes (BB-)	\$ 1,445,625

1,000,000 2,000,000	Ceradyne, Inc. 2.875% 2035 sr. sub. cv. notes (NR) (1) DRS Technologies, Inc. 2% 2026 cv. sr. notes (B2)	1,106,250
, ,	(Acquired 01/30/06; Cost \$2,044,792) (1,2)	1,985,000
		4,536,875
1,500,000	BANKING/SAVINGS AND LOAN 1.3% U.S. Bancorp floating rate 2035 cv. sr. deb. (Aa2)	1,501,875
1,375,000	CONSUMER GOODS 1.5% Church & Dwight Co., Inc. 5.25% 2033 cv. sr. deb. (Ba2)	1,739,375
1,000,000	ENERGY 5.6% Cameron International Corp. 2.50% 2026 cv. sr. notes (Baal) (Acquired 05/23/06; Cost \$991,250) (2) Nabors Industries, Inc. 0.94% 2011 sr. exchangeable notes (A-)	990,000
1,500,000	<pre>(exchangeable for Nabors Industries Ltd. common stock) (Acquired 05/18/06 - 06/02/06; Cost \$1,490,615) (2) Oil States International, Inc. 2.375% 2025 contingent cv. sr.</pre>	1,456,875
1,500,000	notes(NR) Rentech, Inc. 4% 2013 cv. sr. notes (NR)	1,944,375 2,029,680
		6,420,930
2,000,000 3,750,000	ENTERTAINMENT 5.3% EchoStar Communications Corp. 5.75% 2008 cv. sub. notes (B2) The Walt Disney Company 2.125% 2023 cv. sr. notes (A3)	1,970,000 4,148,438
		6,118,438
1,125,000	FINANCIAL AND INSURANCE 1.1% FTI Consulting, Inc. 3.75% 2012 cv. sr. sub. notes (Ba3)	1,257,188
2,000,000	FINANCIAL SERVICES 2.1% Euronet Worldwide, Inc. 3.50% 2025 cv. deb. (NR) (1)	2,377,500
1,000,000	FOODS 0.9% Lehman Brothers Holdings, Inc. 3% 2012 medium-term notes (A1) (performance linked to General Mills, Inc. common stock) (1)	1,000,000
1,000,000 2,000,000 1,000,000	<pre>HEALTH CARE 3.7% American Medical Systems Holdings, Inc. 3.25% 2036 cv. sr. sub. notes (B3) (1)</pre>	1,068,750 2,250,000 911,250  4,230,000
1,500,000 1,000,000 1,000,000	MULTI-INDUSTRY 3.0% LSB Industries, Inc 7% 2011 cv. sr. sub. deb. (NR) Lehman Brothers Holdings, Inc. 1% 2011 medium-term notes (A1) (performance linked to Cendant Corp. common stock) (1) Trinity Industries, Inc. 3.875% 2036 cv. sub. notes (Ba3) (1)	1,627,500 832,500 1,042,500 

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ELLSWORTH FUND LTD. ------Portfolio of Investments June 30, 2006 (continued)------

Principal Amount		Value (Note 1)
	CONVERTIBLE BONDS AND NOTES CONTINUED	
	PHARMACEUTICALS 7.1%	
\$1,250,000	Amgen, Inc. 0.125% 2011 cv. sr. notes (A2)	¢1 175 000
500,000	(Acquired 02/14/06 - 02/15/06; Cost \$1,253,750) (2) Amgen, Inc. 0.375% 2013 cv. sr. notes (A2)	
	(Acquired 02/14/06; Cost \$500,000) (2)	466,875
1,000,000	Bristol-Myers Squibb Co. floating rate 2023 cv. sr. deb. (A1)	1,003,130
1,000,000	Cephalon, Inc. 2% 2015 cv. sr. sub. notes (B-)	1,411,250
1,000,000	Ivax Corp. 4.5% 2008 cv. sr. sub. notes (NR) (exchangeable for Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd.	
750,000	ADR and cash) MedImmune, Inc. 1.375% 2011 cv. sr. notes (BBB)	1,010,000
750,000	(Acquired 06/23/06; Cost \$750,000) (2) MedImmune, Inc. 1.625% 2013 cv. sr. notes (BBB)	755 <b>,</b> 625
1,750,000	(Acquired 06/23/06; Cost \$750,000) (2) Teva Pharmaceutical Finance Co. B.V. 1.75% 2026 cv. sr. deb. (Baa2)	756 <b>,</b> 563
1,750,000	(exchangeable for Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd. ADR)	1,603,438
		8,181,881
1 000 000	RETAIL 4.1%	
1,000,000	Amazon.com, Inc. 4.75% 2009 cv. sub. notes (B2)	963,750
1,250,000	Casual Male Retail Group, Inc. 5% 2024 cv. sr. sub. notes (NR)	1,332,813
3,000,000	The TJX Companies, Inc. 0% 2021 LYONs (Baal)	2,392,500
		4,689,063
	TECHNOLOGY 14.5%	
1,000,000	C&D Technologies, Inc. 5.25% 2025 cv. sr. notes (NR)	
	(Acquired 11/16/05; Cost \$1,000,000)(2)	1,118,750
2,000,000	Citigroup Funding, Inc. 1% 2010 medium-term notes (Aal)	
	(exchangeable for the cash equivalent of a basket of	
1,000,000	technology stocks) (1) Coherent, Inc. 2.75% 2011 cv. sub. notes (NR)	1,802,000
_,,	(Acquired 03/07/06 - 03/08/06; Cost \$1,012,500)(2)	1,085,000
1,000,000	Conexant Systems, Inc. 4% 2026 cv. sub. notes (NR)	921,250
2,000,000	Intel Corp. 2.95% 2035 jr. sub. cv. deb. (A-) (1)	1,692,500
1,750,000	International Rectifier Corp. 4.25% 2007 cv. sub. notes (B2)	1,728,125
1,500,000	LSI Logic Corp. 4% 2010 cv. sub. notes (B)	1,531,875
1,500,000	Lehman Brothers Holdings, Inc. 1% 2009 medium-term notes (A1)	
1,000,000	(performance linked to Microsoft Corp. common stock)(1) Richardson Electronics, Ltd. 8% 2011 cv. sr. sub. notes (NR)	1,408,950
1,100,000	(Acquired 11/21/05; Cost \$1,000,000)(2) SanDisk Corp. 1% 2013 cv. sr. notes (BB-)	1,000,000
	(Acquired 05/09/06 - 05/10/06; Cost \$1,108,875)(2)	976,250
1,500,000	Sybase, Inc. 1.75% 2025 cv. sub. notes (NR)	1,451,250
1,000,000	Symantec Corp. 1% 2013 cv. sr. notes (NR)	. ,
	(Acquired 06/13/06; Cost \$992,500)(2)	975,000
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1,000,000	Vishay Intertechnology, Inc. 3.625% 2023 cv. sub. notes (B3)	1,042,500
		16,733,450
1,500,000 1,556,000	TELECOMMUNICATIONS 2.7% Tekelec, Inc. 2.25% 2008 sr. sub. cv. notes (NR) Time Warner Telecom, Inc. 2.375% 2026 cv. sr. deb (Caal)	1,453,125 1,616,295  3,069,420
1,500,000	UTILITIES 1.4% CMS Energy Corp. 2.875% 2024 cv. sr. notes (B1)	1,606,875
	TOTAL CONVERTIBLE BONDS AND NOTES	\$66,965,370

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Shares		Value (Note 1)
	CONVERTIBLE PREFERRED STOCKS 18.5%	
	AEROSPACE AND DEFENSE 0.8%	
40,000	Ionatron, Inc. 6.5% series A redeemable cv. pfd. (NR) (Acquired 10/27/05; Cost \$970,253)(2)	\$ 900,000
	BANKING/SAVINGS AND LOAN 4.4%	
40,000	National Australia Bank Ltd. 7.875% exch. capital units (NR)	1,699,600
20,000	New York Community Bancorp, Inc. 6% BONUSES units (Baa2)	939,000
35,000	Sovereign Capital Trust IV 4.375% PIERS (Baa2)	
15,000	(exchangeable for Sovereign Bancorp, Inc. common stock)(1) Washington Mutual Capital Trust 5.375% PIERS units (BBB)	1,592,500
15,000	(exchangeable for Washington Mutual, Inc. common stock)	853,200
	BUILDING PRODUCTS 1.6%	5,084,300
35,000	TXI Capital Trust I 5.5% SPuRS (B2)	
,	(exchangeable for Texas Industries, Inc. common stock)	1,855,000
	CHEMICALS 2.1%	
80,000	Celanese Corp. 4.25% cv. perp. pfd. (NR)	2,384,800
	ENERGY 3.5%	
25,000	Chesapeake Energy Corp. 4.5% cum. cv. pfd. (B+)	
9,000	Semco Energy, Inc. 5% series B cv. cum. pfd. (B-)	1,676,250

	FINANCIAL AND INSURANCE 6.1%	
75,000	Citigroup Funding, Inc. variable rate exch. notes (Aal)	
	(exchangeable for Genworth Financial, Inc. common stock)	2,467,500
10	Fannie Mae 5.375% non-cumulative cv. pfd. (Aa3)	
	(Acquired 01/11/05; Cost \$1,048,750) (2)	929,470
20,000	Reinsurance Group of America, Inc. 5.75% PIERS (Baa2)	1,242,500
100,000	The St. Paul Travelers Companies, Inc. 4.5% 2032 cv. jr. sub.	_,,
200,000	notes (Baa1)	2,452,000
		7,091,470
	TOTAL CONVERTIBLE PREFERRED STOCKS	\$21.328.320
	MANDATORY CONVERTIBLE SECURITIES 17.1%(4)	
	CHEMICALS 1.3%	
40,000	Huntsman Corp. 5% mand. cv. pfd. 02/16/08 (NR)	1,554,000
	CONSUMER GOODS 1.1%	
35,000	Constellation Brands, Inc. dep. shs. representing 5.75%	
,	series A mand. cv. pfd. 09/01/06 (B)	1.299.200
	ENERGY 0.2%	
1,000	Chesapeake Energy Corp. 6.25% mand. cv. pfd. 06/15/09 (NR)	259,970
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Portfolio of Investments June 30, 2006 (continued)------

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Shares		(Note 1)
	MANDATORY CONVERTIBLE SECURITIES CONTINUED (4)	
	FINANCIAL AND INSURANCE 8.2%	
7,000	Alleghany Corp. 5.75% mandatory cv. pfd. 06/15/09 (BBB-)	\$ 1,949,500
43,500	E*TRADE Financial Corp. 6.125% equity units 11/18/08 (Ba3)	1,302,390
30,000	Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. 6.75% mandatory exch. securities	
	10/15/07 (Aa3) (exchangeable for Nuveen Investments, Inc.	
	common stock)	1,177,500
80,000	MetLife, Inc. 6.375% common equity units 08/15/08 (BBB+)	2,205,600
42,500	Morgan Stanley, Inc. 5.875% mandatory exch. securities	
	10/15/08 (Aa3)(exchangeable for Nuveen Investments, Inc.	
	common stock)	1,691,925
45,000	XL Capital, Ltd. 6.5% equity security units 05/15/07 (A3)	944,775

4,012,750

10,000	XL Capital, Ltd. 7% equity security units 02/15/09 (A3)	238,000
		9,509,690
40,000	FOODS 0.9% Lehman Brothers Holdings, Inc. 6.25% PIES 10/15/07 (A1) (exchangeable for General Mills, Inc. common stock)	
40,000	PHARMACEUTICALS 1.7% Schering-Plough Corp. 6% mand. cv. pfd. 09/14/07 (Baa3)	2,013,200
30,000 98,850	<pre>TECHNOLOGY 3.5% Credit Suisse First Boston (USA), Inc. 5.5% SAILS 11/15/08 (Aa3) (exchangeable for Equinix, Inc. common stock) The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. 14.75% mandatory exch. notes 06/22/07 (exchangeable for Advanced Micro Devices, Inc. common stock)</pre>	
	(Acquired 06/14/06; Cost \$2,500,411)(2)	2,490,328
		4,022,728
	TOTAL MANDATORY CONVERTIBLE SECURITIES (4)	\$19,703,588 
	COMMON STOCKS 3.3%	
2,643	AEROSPACE AND DEFENSE 0.0% Ionatron, Inc. (Acquired 04/17/05; Cost \$29,747)(2,3)	16,783
21,115	HEALTH CARE 0.6% LifePoint Hospitals, Inc. (3)	678 <b>,</b> 425
25,000	MULTI-INDUSTRY 0.4% Cendant Corp	407,250
26,300	PHARMACEUTICALS 1.4% Johnson & Johnson	1,575,896
40,000	TELECOMMUNICATIONS 1.0% AT&T Inc	1,115,600
	TOTAL COMMON STOCKS	\$ 3,793,954

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Portfolio of Investments June 30, 2006 (continued)------

Amount		(Note 1)
	SHORT-TERM SECURITIES 1.0%	
	COMMERCIAL PAPER 1.0%	
\$1,200,000	American Express Credit Corp. 4.98% 07/03/06 (P1)	\$ 1,199,336
11,000	U.S. GOVERNMENT OBLIGATIONS 0.0% U.S. Treasury notes 3.625% 04/30/07 (Aaa)(5)	10,852
	TOTAL SHORT-TERM SECURITIES	1,210,188
	TOTAL CONVERTIBLE BONDS AND NOTES 58.0% TOTAL CONVERTIBLE PREFERRED STOCKS 18.5% TOTAL MANDATORY CONVERTIBLE SECURITIES 17.1% TOTAL COMMON STOCKS 3.3% TOTAL SHORT-TERM SECURITIES 1.0%	21,328,320 19,703,588 3,793,954
	TOTAL INVESTMENTS 97.9%	113,001,420
	OTHER ASSETS AND LIABILITIES, NET 2.1%	2,436,491
	TOTAL NET ASSETS 100.0%	\$115,437,911

Contingent payment debt instrument which accrues contingent interest. (1)See Note 1.

- Security not registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (2) (e.g., 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 June 30, 2006 was \$17,077,519 which represented 14.8% of the Fund's net assets.
- (3) Non-income producing security.
- These securities are required to be converted on the dates listed; they (4) generally may be converted prior to these dates at the option of the holder.
- Collateral for a letter of credit. (5)

ADR American Depositary Receipts.

BONUSES Bifurcated Option Note Unit Securities.

LYONs Liquid Yield Option Notes.

PIES Premium Income Exchangeable Securities.

Preferred Income Equity Redeemable Securities. PIERS

Shared Appreciation Income Linked Securities. SAILS

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. (successor to Ellsworth Convertible Growth and Income Fund, Inc. (established in 1986)) (the "Fund"), is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 as a diversified, closed-end management investment company. On February 17, 2006, the Fund was reorganized as a Delaware statutory trust from a Maryland corporation.

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.

At June 30, 2006 unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investment securities on a tax basis were as follows:

Unrealized appreciation	\$ 6,281,732
Unrealized depreciation	(4,539,502)
Net unrealized appreciation	1,742,230
Cost for federal income tax purposes	\$110,059,854

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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 August 22, 2006, 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: August 22, 2006

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.

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

Date: August 22, 2006

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

Date: August 22, 2006