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It now seems quite clear that Fifth Panzer Army is swinging northwestwards and two of its divisions are already tapping in against VII Corps and trying to overlap that Corps area to the west. Sixth Panzer Army seems to have given up its attempts to break the front V Corps and to have sheered off to the westwards.

I am disturbed at the weak local arrangements particularly in infantry of most of the divisions in First and Ninth Armies. The divisions of V Corps are together 7,000 under strength, mostly infantry. 29th Division is 2,000 below strength. Can anything be done to get replacements for this serious discrepancy?

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