No wonder it was called leave.

(differece between military base and home)
Someone at New Year's party has lost a son; resents Ben? doesn't resent him, surprising him?
do a variant of Shirley Ann Grau's "tall and thin and brown-haired and blue-eyed"

- girl@ party for Ben?
earlier, version of 1944 opening scene, use FIND on "Candles of ice" to retrieve it from back of 1944 New Year's '44 material.
He tried a smile on her, but she could tell it was only a mask his (trouble) wore.

--Mariah/Mitch in bunkhouse pics scene?
Ben at his parents' shotgun marriage?

How ungenerous certain neighborhoods of the past are.
"That team of yours is a hard-luck bunch."
New Year's, '44.

Barn's parents?

cut from p. 269

...the faces taking on history, his emphatic map of delving and her particular ration of dubious luck.
He wondered if he was coming unraveled.
This was the second mention of that kind since Ben walked through that door.
wind brisking. day as usual. Darwin wondered why everyone in MIT didn't walk or a sideways tilt (from wind)
But Reinking thinks:

Ben

I proved to be the one with a ticket out in my head, as if tucked in a mental hatband.
Convista w/ Adriana?
You and what it's like
You guys figured it was just natural to get the whole birthday cake.

"" always had the birthday cake all to yourself.
BUR?

NYA?

ms p. 4--add facial description of Ben?
Paul: It would cost hard money (we'll have to move won...)

Jack:

Right then I'd have paid hard money to get out of... (doing something he doesn't want to.) But with Riley looking as cheerful as if he was going down in the cellar for canned cherries, and Mariah fiddling like always with her camera gear, I didn't want to seem excitable.
Duane and all. How's the rest of the team?
Statistical probabilities. The [Tepee Weepy] colonel from had been big on those. (i.e., a couple of Supreme Team members would die in the war)
"Isn't she a stitch."
"What are you doing?"

"Oh, this, that, and the other." (evasively)
Bill Reinking:

He joked that he started newspapering at the same age Kipling began.
the tired-eye houses
The bright of the moon

--when Ben gets back from Swtgrs Hills: his mother is waiting up.
Ben

exceptional

Mitch has good peripheral vision, which helped in football.
Hearsay is the authority in a town the size of (Helena?)
Montana now seemed to have only two kinds of young men, those who had gone into uniform or those about to.

Suddenly every male between milkteeth and storeteeth seemed to
oasis

(Montana, and its sense of community, the oasis my folks returned to?)

(the West as an oasis culture)

Strange, oasis, this. Candles of ice... Wind and more wind.
Ben abt Cloyce

You're like the duchess who envied the ragpickers—"it's so much cheaper to be poor."

as. " told, " it must be at least it's
the instant pulled from time's air to this page
Hugh and Dora, come in from the cold, or in some other circumstance, take out their handkerchiefs at the same time: Darius thinks to himself, they've been married so long they blow their noses at the same time.
(the Divide) the continent's center of gravity
the long core (of a life? a family?)
New Year's at the Reinkings:

Carnelia & husband are there; others from GV?

--they try to make convstn w/ Ben abt the war.
the Muntz's maid/cook does the work @ Reinkings' New Year's party
quiet smile and small cozy breasts
chimney corner—popularly made up, i.e., like bunkhouse lawyering.

DARE example: "Chimney-corner scripture... A popular saying or adage supposed by some to be a Biblical text. A local CCC foreman who used the expression gave the following example...

'Better to put your seed in the belly of a whore than to spill it on the ground.'"