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Barrel-core held in place by Core-holder, and Cope being fit; LMi to keep it steady. A test for dryness is made, inserting a thin rod into holes in the mold walls. If the rod comes out damp, they wait. The doors of the foundry are kept closed so the mold will stay warm until the corewashing is finished. Roy said, "I like to get 2 or 3 coats of corewash on the bands, and on the main body • it depends on the size of the cannon • you could give it up to 5 coats. You'll know yourself after you give it 2 or 3 • you're looking for smoothness and finish. Too much corewash on the bands will distort them." After the corewashing the barrel-core is set into the Drag. At the front end it is bearing on the mold; at the rear it is held centered in the cannon by a coreholder. (See photo.) Roy: "This core can't move anywhere. When the Cope goes on, the core is locked in. It can't go anywhere when the hot metal goes in."

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