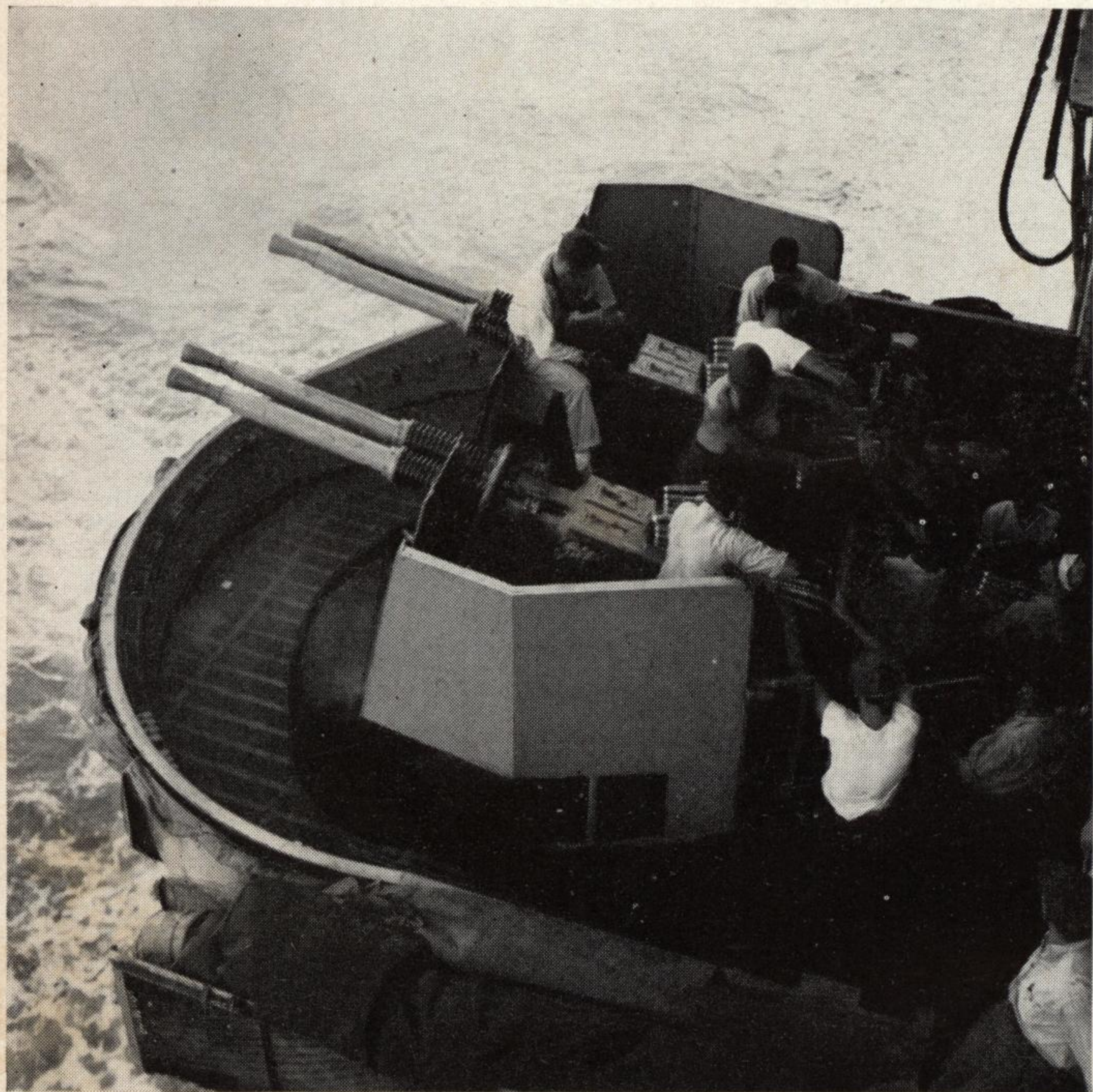


# Shakedown Cruise

The first three months after commissioning were spent in extensive training to qualify and prepare officers and men for the arduous and dangerous task ahead. In the Chesapeake Bay and on the shakedown cruise to Trinidad, many, many hours were spent in emergency drills, launching and landing aircraft, target practice, and indoctrination until green "boots" started shaping into an efficient fighting organization.

Then we left Norfolk for the Panama Canal. Again there were drills, and lecture after lecture on fire control doctrine and ballistics.



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Man Your Stations!"



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