

TITLE.:- BRIDGE BUILDING.

Picture. :- On the banks of the Avon, Salisbury Plain, these officers from the Indian army are studying the latest military methods of bridging rivers.

A collapsible boat is opened by the sappers of the Royal Engineers, --

--launched and quickly loaded (at the double !) with a fully armed infantry platoon. Although very light --

--in structure, it safely negotiates the strong stream. These men are equipped as for active service and their purpose is to occupy the opposite bank to cover operations of the bridge builders and protect the bridge itself.

Two of these boats fitted with a platform form a reliable raft, which --

--transports a garden tractor, howitzer gun and gear up to three and a half tons in weight.

This ingenious floating dock makes disembarkation easy. In --

--India these new methods will be specially useful.

Now the portable bridge girders are put into use and almost immediately a safe roadway is made for transportation of really heavy equipment.

This loaded lorry weighs some seven --

--tons and yet comes "over the top" of this temporary support as if it were on --

--firm earth and lands without even getting its feet - or - wheels wet.