

to the entrance of the river Orchy, the length exceeds 24 miles, and is nearly equal to the length of Loch Ness (including Loch Dochfour), which most nearly approaches it in this respect. The loch is, on the whole, very narrow—less than a mile across, except at the junction of the narrow arm with the main body, where, measured in certain directions,

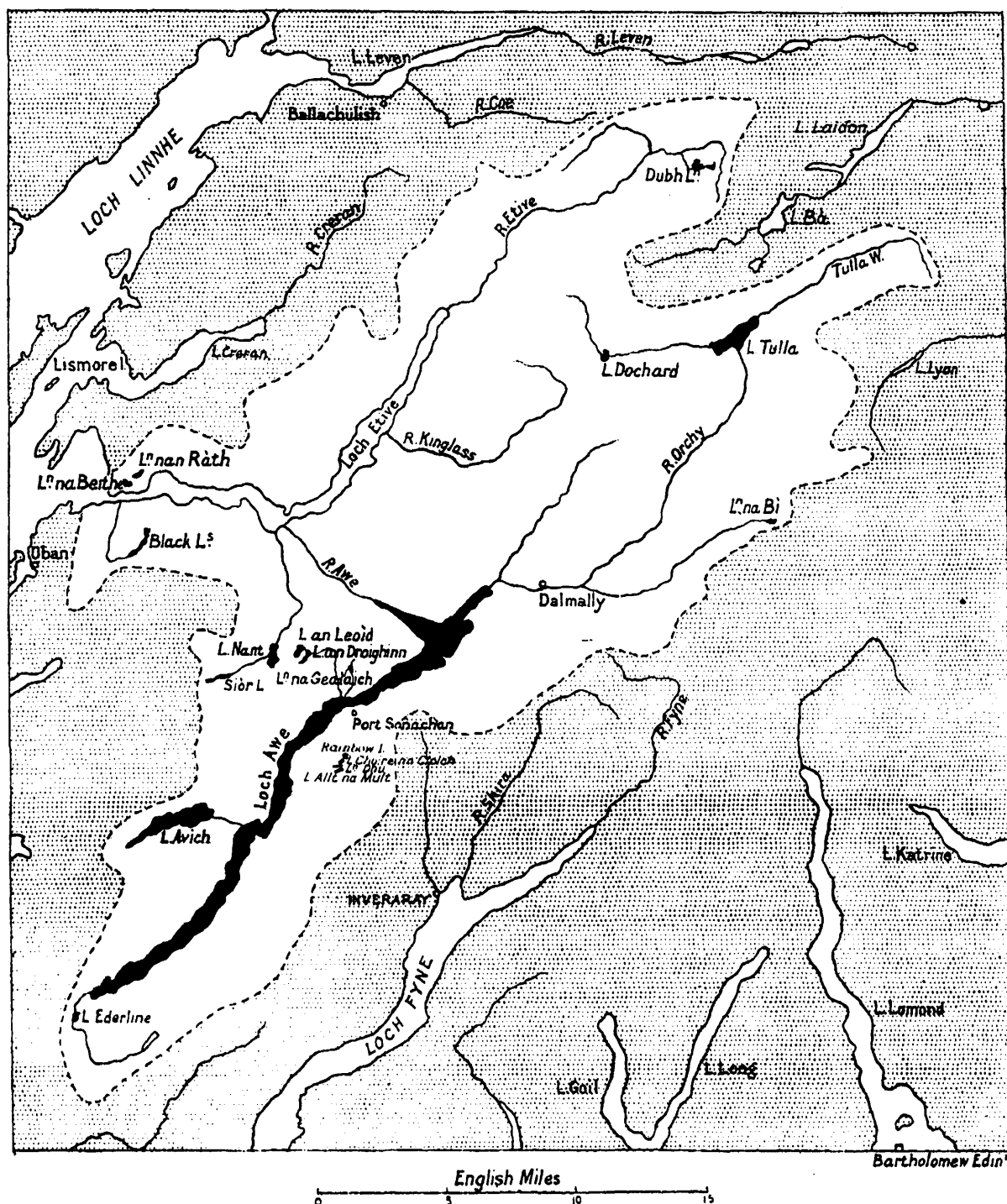


FIG. 28.—INDEX MAP OF THE EIVE BASIN.

the width may be said to exceed 2 miles; but at other places the width diminishes, and at one point is barely a quarter of a mile. The mean breadth of the entire loch is about half a mile, or only 2·3 per cent. of the length—the smallest percentage observed in any of the lochs sounded by the Lake Survey, recorded also for East Loch Scadavay in North Uist, followed by 2·5 per cent. for Loch Shiel, and 3 per cent. for Loch Shin.