

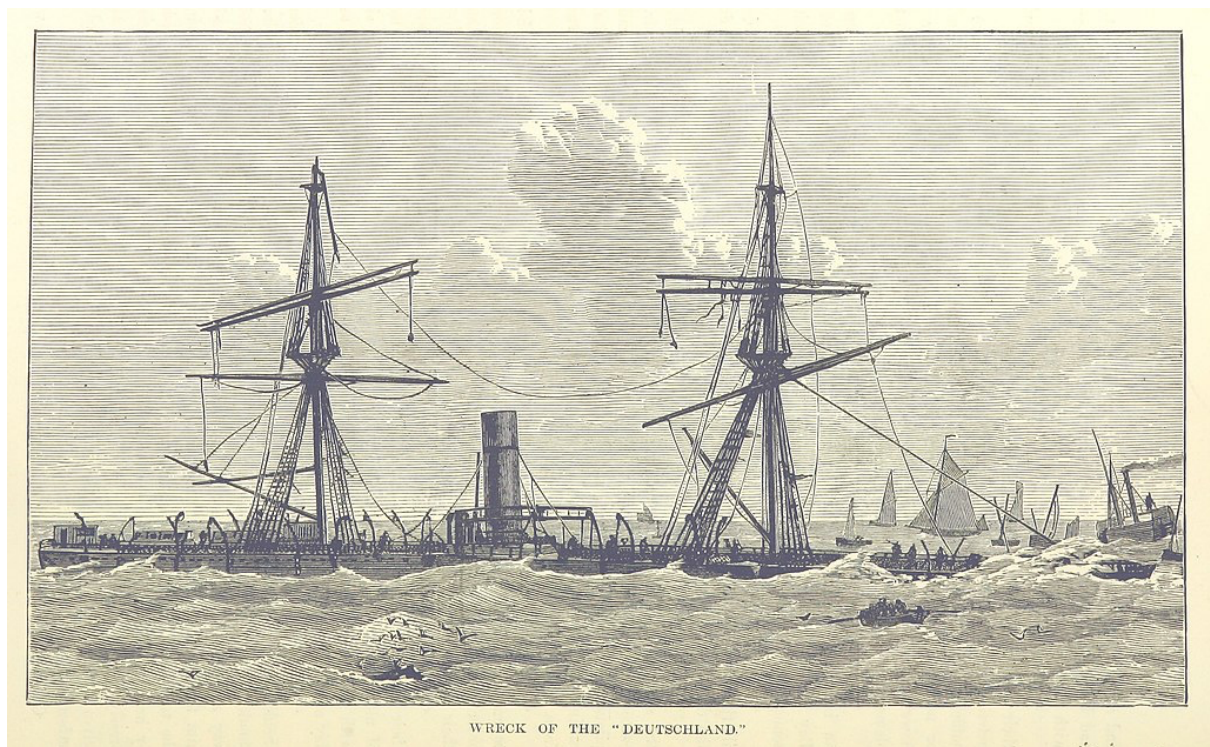
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Fr JOHN NOORDMAN

26 Oct 1881 – 1 Jan 1940

John Noordman, a Dutchman, seems to have spent little time in Zimbabwe and only two years in Africa. We find him at St Aidan's 1923-25 and then some months at Kutama where he is the cause of much trouble to Fr Loubière who finds him 'anti-English', 'anti-Rhodesia'.

The prefect, Msgr Browne, wrote to Loubière struggling to know what to do with him. He is 'terrified of the sea and will refuse to go back to Holland. If I order him, he will leave the Society.'



(In 1875. The *Deutschland* was wrecked in the English Channel, prompting a famous poem by Gerard Manley Hopkins SJ).

There may be more in the archives about John Noordman but the present writer cannot find anything.