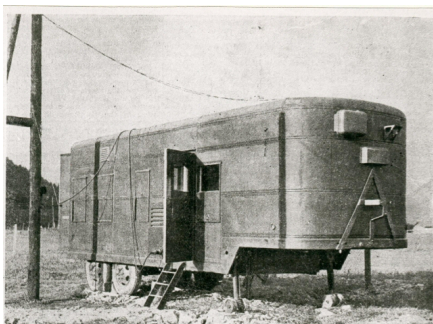




BDN's birthplace was a mobile radio transmitter dispatched to Salzburg by Milton C. Shapp, following a request of General Mark Clark. A studio was set up in that trailer first and then later moved into the building housing the Italian Mission. In 1947 studios were improvised at Camp Truscott and the Hotel Pitter ( [Morzgerstraße 31](#) ), and finally BDN moved into new studios at the [Schloss Klessheim](#) estate on the outskirts of Salzburg.

Salzburg became the headquarters and flagship station of the Blue Danube Network.

To improve transmission power a 5000 watt transmitter, consisting of two 90 meter towers, was erected in October 1951.



The BDN stations at both Zell am See and St. Johann were housed in trailers, such as the ones as shown in the picture. These mobile stations were the same type that accompanied USFA troops to the fields during maneuvers.

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{vsig\_c}0|KZCA157.jpg|The 190 feet transmission tower of KCZA in Zell am See|The transmitter was erected to service US personnel in Saalfelden, Zell am See and St. Johann.|{/vsig\_c}

{vsig\_c}0|KZCA174.jpg|Sports reporter Paul Obluda at KCZA in Salzburg|{/vsig\_c}

{vsig\_c}0|KZCA183.jpg|BDN station in Zell am See|These trailers were operating in Zell am See and St. Johann|{/vsig\_c}

{vsig\_c}0|KZCA187.jpg|Paul Obluda interviewing Gene Kelly in Salzburg (March 14, 1952)|The Hollywood star was in Salzburg making his new movie then.|{/vsig\_c}

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{vsig\_c}0|KZCA304.jpg|BDN station in Zell am See|These trailers were operating in Zell am See and St. Johann|{/vsig\_c}

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