

China Memories - July 2004 (cont.)

to try in the old C-46 in bad weather with the equipment we had.

After Lijiang we went to Dali. This is a major city today, located south of Lijiang on the south end of the lake that lies immediately east of Tali Mountain, another famous Hump mountain, and not far from the old Yunnanyi Air Base. This was another town that I was not aware of. I was told by a number of pilots that there were 3 beautiful pagodas out around the lake. I never found them, until this visit. They are located near old Dali Town, and go back hundreds of years. Now I know where they are.



One last item of worth. We were taken to the site of the old Yunnanyi Air Base from Dali. It was known as a difficult base to get into due to the mountains on all sides and weird winds. Now that I knew well. I flew many trips into Yunnanyi. It was best known for the C-46 fuselage coffee shop near base operations. Today it is a farming site. All we found was a portion of hard surface on the northeast end of what was likely the old runway or a taxiway. That was another solemn moment for me because Yunnanyi was where I took my last Hump trip before going home.

All in all this was a great trip and we were treated like real heroes. I am looking forward to returning to China again next year.

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