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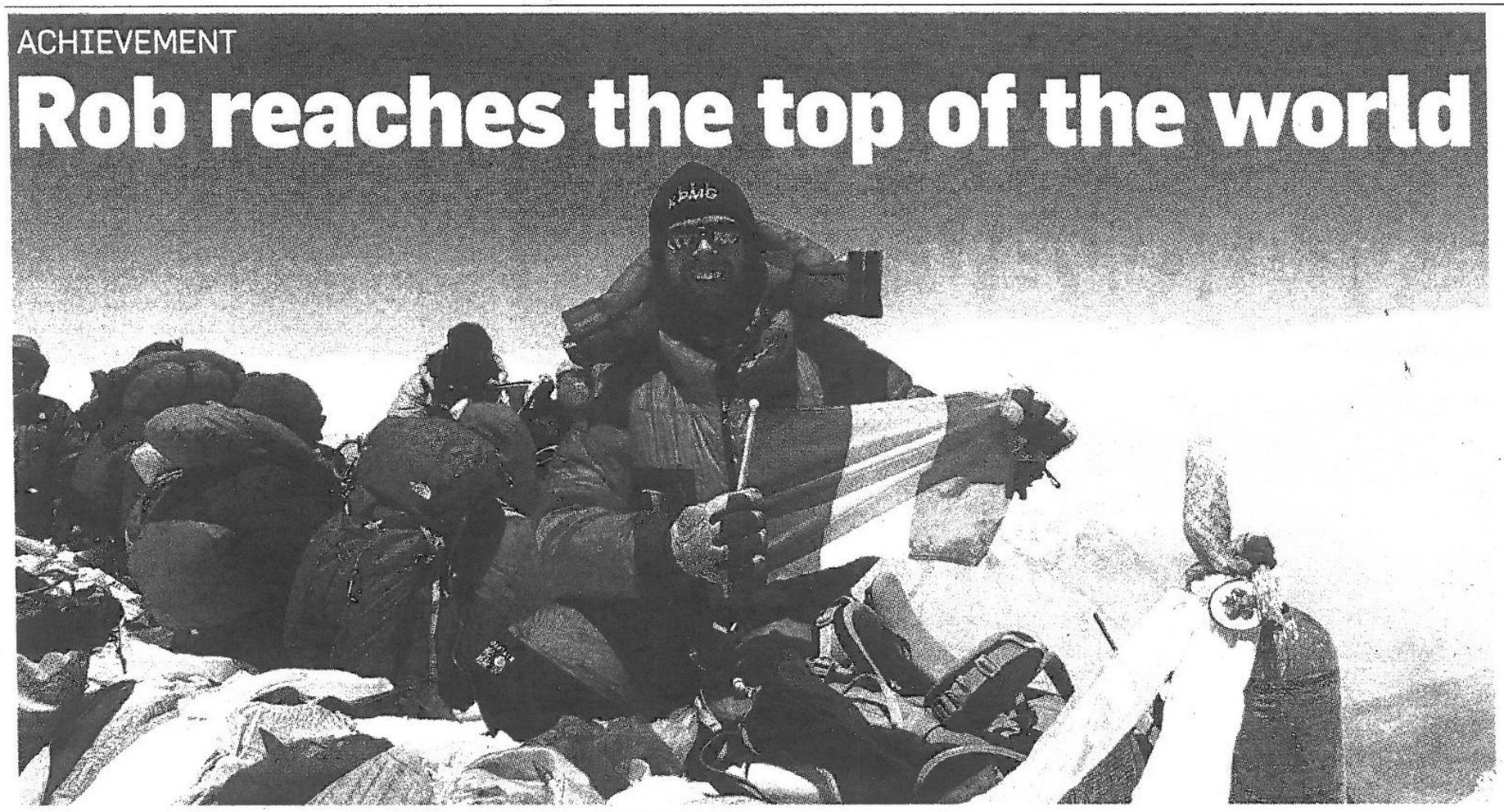
Rob reaches the top of the world



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LIMERICK man Rob Mortell has become the youngest Irish person to reach the summit of Mount Everest.

The 26-year-old trainee taxation accountant reached the peak of the world's highest mountain at 6am Irish time on Monday.

A law and accounting graduate from the University of Limerick, Rob now works for KPMG, and he started his ascent of Everest in April.

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On setting a new record as the youngest Irish person to reach the summit of Everest, Rob commented, "I am humbled and thrilled to be the youngest Irish person to stand on the top of the world."

"This achievement has been four years in the making. I did not do this alone. It was made possible by the help and support of my family, girlfriend, friends, colleagues and sponsors. I look forward to coming home to celebrate in the next few days," he added.

This Wednesday morning the Limerick climber checked-in to advance base camp at 6,400 metres altitude.

The previous youngest Irish person to reach the summit of Everest was Mark Quinn, also from Limerick, who reached the world's highest peak at the age of 27 in May 2011.

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