In 1953, the Company established Gorman-Rupp Industries Division. In January of the following year, operations of this specialty pump division began in an expansive new facility in Bellville, Ohio.

As a result of its movement into more markets, the Company achieved record sales in 1954. Facilities were expanded and new technologies emerged. There were many growth opportunities available and Gorman-Rupp pumps were there to lead the way.

Gorman-Rupp developed a high capacity refueling pump for the new jet aircraft. The Company provided heavy-duty pumps for the massive St. Lawrence Seaway construction project of building locks to permit ocean-going ships access to the Great Lakes. Gorman-Rupp Industries introduced the Aquamatic K-Pad for localized heat therapy in hospitals.

When farmers throughout the country were turning to advanced irrigation systems to water their crops, it was Gorman-Rupp's portable irrigation pumps that drew this vital liquid resource from nearby streams.

As interstate highway systems were expanded, Gorman-Rupp pumps were proudly at the forefront.

In 1958, the Company began construction on a 12,000-square-foot assembly facility in St. Thomas, Ontario, with operations of the new Gorman-Rupp Canada subsidiary scheduled to begin production at the start of the next decade.